

**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, August 12, 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, August 12, 2025.

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Baca called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

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

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

Absent: City Treasurer Edward Carrillo.

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1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)

One (1) position: Title: City Attorney

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CLOSED SESSION

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6

Labor Negotiator: City Manager Tanya Williams,

Human Resources Director Shama Curian

Employee Organizations:

- Executive Management Team
- Management Unrepresented Employees
- Rialto City Employee's Association (RCEA)
- Teamsters Mid-Management & Confidential Employee's Union (TMMU)
- Rialto Fire Management Association (RFMA)
- Rialto Police Benefit Association – Management
- Rialto Police Benefit Association – General
- Rialto Professional Firefighters of California - Local 368
- Unrepresented Employees

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)

One (1) position:

Title: Fire Chief

4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8

Property: 0.533 acre parcel - APN: 0132-041-68-0000 0.533;

and 1.06 acre parcel - APN: 0132-041-69-0000

Agency Negotiator: Interim Community Development

Director Christina Taylor

Negotiating Parties: City of Rialto and Grace Bible Church

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms Sale

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

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The City Council went into Closed Session at 5:01 pm.

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The City Council returned from the Closed Session at 6:26 pm.

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joe Baca called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

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OPEN SESSION

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Council Member Karla Perez led the pledge of allegiance.

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Elder Darlene Nolen with Word in Action Christian Center gave the invocation.

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City Attorney's Report on Closed Session

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)

One (1) position: Title: City Attorney

The City Council gave direction to City Attorney Vail.

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The City Council gave direction to Risk Manager and Labor Negotiator. There is no other reportable action.

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

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The City Council gave direction to City Manager Williams.

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The City Council had a conference with Real Property Negotiator related to parcels listed. The City Council gave direction to City Manager Williams. There is no other reportable action.

**PRESENTATIONS AND
PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Presentation - Healthcare Updates – Brenda Gutierrez, with San Antonio Regional Hospital
2. Measure I Presentation - Otis Greer, Deputy Executive Director, Office of Legislative & Public Affairs – SBCTA
3. Presentation - Pride Platoon Program - Police Chief Mark Kling

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Melissa Ramirez addressed the City Council related to the lack of financial literacy and education awareness. She suggests free or affordable financial education classes be offered every three months at the library or public location to the Rialto community. She asked the City Council for their consideration.

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Lawrence Jenkins addressed the City Council related to his interest in constructing a new park at the corner of Valley Boulevard and Cactus Avenue across the street from Joe Baca Middle School. He asked what needs to be done to move that forward.

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

None.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

A. WAIVE FULL READING OF ORDINANCES

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B. APPROVAL OF WARRANT RESOLUTIONS

B.1 Warrant Resolution No. 2026-03

B.2 Warrant Resolution No. 2026-04

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C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C.1 Regular City Council Meeting - May 27, 2025

C.2 Regular City Council Meeting - June 10, 2025

C.3 Regular City Council Meeting - June 24, 2025

C.4 Regular City Council Meeting - July 22, 2025

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D. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

D.1 Arthur I. Patino

D.2 Eduardo Benitez

D.3 Moshi Saleh

CONSENT CALENDAR

E. SET PUBLIC HEARING

- E.1 Request City Council Set a Public Hearing for **August 26, 2025**, to Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.08 of the Rialto Municipal Code to Codify by Reference the 2025 Edition of the California Building Codes and 2024 International Property Maintenance Code with Appendices and Amendments.
- E.2 Request City Council Set a Public Hearing for **September 9, 2025**, to Consider Adoption of an Ordinance (**Zoning Code Amendment No. 25-0001**) Amending portions of Chapter 18.112 (Indoor Storage Uses) of the Rialto Municipal Code to ensure compliance with California State Assembly Bill 98.

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F. MISCELLANEOUS

- F.1 Request the City Council to: (1) Approve the Guidelines, Application, and Program Documents, for Blueprint for Better Living: Mobile Home Repair Loan Program; (2) Approve **Resolution 8389**, Accepting CalHome Funding and Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget; and, (3) Authorize the City Manager or their designee to execute all necessary documents related to the Program.
- F.2 Request City Council to Receive and File for Future Audit the Treasurer's Investment Report as June 2025.
- F.3 Request City Council/Rialto Utility Authority Board to: (1) Authorize Professional Service Agreement Amendment No. 4 with Soto Resources in the amount of \$62,100 for the Preparation and submittal of the Cal OES Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); and (2) Authorize the City Manager/Executive Director to Execute all Related Documents.
- F.4 Request City Council to Adopt **Resolution No. 8390**, Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 - 2029/2030 Measure I Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and Expenditure Strategy.
- F.5 Request City Council to Adopt **Resolution No. 8391** Adopting the Measure I Five-Year Capital Project Needs Analysis for Fiscal Years 2026/2027 through 2030/2031 for the Major Street-Arterial Subprogram.

Motion by Council Member Perez, second by Council Member Montoya Jr. and carried by a 5-0 vote to approve the Consent Calendar.

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NEW BUSINESS

TAB 1

Approve a Final Construction Work Authorization with Rialto Water Services for Rialto Biosolids Upgrade Project

Tanya Williams, City Manager, and Megan Matson, Rialto Water Services presented staff report to request City Council/Rialto Utility Authority Board Approve a Final Construction Work Authorization (FCWA) With Rialto Water Services, as Operated by Veolia West Operating Services, Inc. for the Rialto Biosolids Handling Upgrades Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for an Amount Not to Exceed \$35,598,387.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated that the City of Rialto hired Jacobs Engineering to perform review independently of RWS and Veolia. RWS hired a consultant to perform a similar review. He believes the City is getting a good price for a project that is definitely needed and move forward. There is a labor agreement and brings good-paying jobs to community.

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Council Member Carrizales is pleased that the City is proactively looking at these projects and keeping the residents in mind. He would like to move forward with the project.

He moved for approval.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott second the motion.

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City Treasurer Edward Carrillo asked from which budget the \$44 million funds coming from.

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Ms. Matson stated those are confirmed funds and available from RUA reserves on the wastewater side. It is detailed in the Final Construction Work Authorization, FCWA for the project.

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City Treasurer Edward Carrillo stated that based on Treasurer's report, it indicates \$47 million in wastewater. It's broken down in various subaccounts The only account available for wastewater construction, restricted and unrestricted shows \$11 million funds available. And \$7 million in capital charges.

He asked where the rest of the \$44 million originated from.

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Ms. Matson stated correct. All accounts are locked down for a defined purpose. The funds available for this project are a combination of the CIP account and reserves – not working cap reserves or security required reserves. It is from discretionary.

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TAB 1
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for Rialto Biosolids Upgrade Project

City Treasurer Edward Carrillo asked if funds were from the Rialto Utility Authority or the trickle-down accounts or subaccounts.

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Ms. Matson stated it is not coming from City General Funds. It is RUA.

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City Treasurer Edward Carrillo stated that some of the funds are restricted based on the concession agreement. He asked if funds are being moved from stabilization and other sub accounts to make up for the \$44 million dollars.

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Peter Luchetti with Rialto Water Services stated that a deposit into the concession was made last year. Those funds are part of this allocation as well as development impact fees that bring close to \$44 million dollars. There are \$10 million audited reserves available for use in construction of a new project. It rounds off the \$44 million. The project needs \$35 million.

The calculation derives from last year's General Fund, DIF, a portion from the reserves round up to the number needed. This is the only project for approval on the agenda. He briefly discussed other upcoming projects.

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Mayor Baca commented that the project went through the water subcommittee. He and Mayor Pro Tem Scott heard the recommendations and approved to go before the City Council.

He referenced the report and asked related to the potential for reduction in funds needed of over \$1.8 million dollars associated with the project. He requested an update when those funds are available. He believes the project should move forward.

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Motion by Council Member Carrizales, second by Mayor Pro Tem Scott and carried by a 5-0 vote to approve a Final Construction Work Authorization (FCWA) With Rialto Water Services, as Operated by Veolia West Operating Services, Inc. for the Rialto Biosolids Handling Upgrades Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for an Amount Not to Exceed \$35,598,387.

The vote was AYES: Mayor Baca, Mayor Pro Tem Scott, Council Member Carrizales, Council Member Perez, and Council Member Montoya Jr.

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

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TAB 2
Accept, Review and File the FY 2023-2024
Financial Report

Scott Williams, Director of Finance, and S. Berrett Warnick, with LSL CPAs, presented staff report to Request City Council, Rialto Housing Authority, Rialto Utility Authority, and Successor Agency to Accept, Review, and File the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Related Documents.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if it would be appropriate to have the City Manager, City Attorney, Director of Finance and City Treasurer's signatures on largely funded items that require coming from different accounts. He requested signatures be required on staff reports so that City staff is aware where funds originate from.

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Motion by Council Member Carrizales, second by Council Member Montoya Jr. and carried by a 5-0 vote to Accept, Review, and File the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Related Documents.

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TAB 3
Approve Professional Services
Agreement with Insight Public Sector,
Inc.

Tim Sullivan, Assistant City Manager, presented staff report to Request City Council to: (1) Approve a Professional Services Agreement With Insight Public Sector, Inc., Substantially Similar to the Agreement Attached to the Staff Report for Arctic Wolf Security Operations Solutions in the Amount of \$110,225.83; and (2) Authorize the City Manager or Their Designee to Execute All Related Contract Documents.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked about the missing signatures in the staff report. He asked where the funds originated from.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated through IT's budget with approximately \$2 million dollars.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if the Finance Department and City Treasurer concur.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated it was routed through the Finance Department.

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Finance Director Williams stated the fiscal impact has been reviewed.

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TAB 3
Approve a Professional Services
Agreement with Insight Public Sector,
Inc.

Council Member Carrizales inquired about the 600 service engineers and asked if they were foreign or domestic.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated the team is primarily stationed in the United States.

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Council Member Carrizales asked if the entire team is local.

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Assistant City Manager Sullivan stated correct. The entire team is from the United States.

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Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Scott, second by Council Member Perez and carried by a 5-0 vote to approve the Approve a Professional Services Agreement With Insight Public Sector, Inc., Substantially Similar to the Agreement Attached to the Staff Report for Arctic Wolf Security Operations Solutions in the Amount of \$110,225.83; and Authorize the City Manager or Their Designee to Execute All Related Contract Documents.

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TAB 4
Adopt Resolution No. 8392 and Adopt
Resolution No. 8393

Shama Curian, Human Resources and Risk Management Director presented staff report to Request City Council to: (1) Adopt **Resolution No. 8392** Approving the Memorandum of Understanding Establishing Compensation and Related Benefits for Employees Represented by the Rialto Police Benefits Association - Management Employees; and (2) Adopt **Resolution No. 8393** Updating the Citywide Classification and Compensation Plan for Full-time and Part-time Employees; to Amend the Salaries for those Classifications Represented by the Rialto Police Benefits Association Management Unit.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if the increases are accounted for in the upcoming budget.

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Human Resources and Risk Management Director Curian stated yes, they are.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if existing funds have secure remittance.

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TAB 4
Adopt Resolution No. 8392 and Adopt
Resolution No. 8393

Human Resources and Risk Management Director Curian stated yes. She has confirmed with the finance director.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott complimented Human Resources Director Curian and City Manager Williams for the great job negotiating the contract for the Police Officers Association and its members.

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City Treasurer Carrillo referenced the classification and compensation plan and asked why it reflects that the City Clerk and City Treasurer are part-time. He did not take oath as a part-time City Treasurer.

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Human Resources and Risk Management Director Curian stated she will make that correction.

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Motion by Council Member Perez, second by Council Member Carrizales and carried by a 5-0 vote to Adopt **Resolution No. 8392** Approving the Memorandum of Understanding Establishing Compensation and Related Benefits for Employees Represented by the Rialto Police Benefits Association - Management Employees; and (2) Adopt **Resolution No. 8393** Updating the Citywide Classification and Compensation Plan for Full-time and Part-time Employees; to Amend the Salaries for those Classifications Represented by the Rialto Police Benefits Association Management Unit; and included corrections.

The vote was AYES: Mayor Baca, Mayor Pro Tem Scott, Council Member Carrizales, Council Member Perez, and Council Member Montoya Jr.

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

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TAB 5
Appoint Members to City Commissions

Tanya Williams, City Manager, presented staff report to Request City Council to Appoint Members to the Planning Commission, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission, Rialto Utilities Commission and the Neighborhood Beautification and Historical Preservation Commission.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked for a point of order. He stated that Mayor Baca and himself sat on a committee that interviewed several individuals. He stated not all individuals were interviewed because they had knowledge of them.

At no time did I share with Mayor Baca a list of candidates that I recommended for positions even though I was asked for those lists by the City Manager.

TAB 5
Appoint Members to City Commissions

Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated that additionally I received a list of candidates through the City Manager from the Mayor and I also received a list of recommended candidates from Council Member Montoya Jr., which probably and definitely should have gone to the City Manager and then to us. I just want to make sure there is no issue with any type of conflict or violation of a Brown Act or anything else, in your opinion, based on receiving these two lists.

I have met with Council Member Montoya Jr. to discuss Commissions, their functions, their duties, and what's going on.

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City Attorney Vail asked if he received a list from Mayor Baca and Council Member Montoya Jr.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated correct.

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City Attorney Vail asked Mayor Pro Tem Scott if he had conversations with Mayor Baca about members for the commissions. And you have had conversations with Council Member Montoya Jr.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated no. Mayor Baca and I conducted interviews. I never gave him any recommendations. Council Member Montoya Jr. sent me a list as did Mayor Baca. Council Member Montoya Jr. and I have not had conversations about recommendations for the commission. We have had conversations about commissions.

I am happy to abstain tonight on this matter if anybody has an issue with that.

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City Attorney Vail asked if Mayor Pro Tem Scott has had discussions with any other Council Member about Council Member Montoya Jr.'s list.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated no.

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City Attorney Vail asked Mayor Pro Tem Scott if he had shared any thoughts about people with Council Member Montoya Jr.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated no.

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TAB 5
Appoint Members to City Commissions

City Attorney Vail asked, "You did have conversations with Mayor Baca at least about interviewing certain candidates?"

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated correct.

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City Attorney Vail asked, "Did you share those with Council Member Montoya Jr?"

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated no.

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City Attorney Vail asked, "Or any other Council Member?"

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated no.

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City Attorney Vail stated based on that it doesn't look like there has been a Brown Act violation. However, I would hate to rule from the dais without talking with each individual involved. So, if you want to completely avoid the Brown Act, you should completely recuse yourself.

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Mayor Pro Tem Scott recused himself and leaves the dais at 7:57 pm.

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Mayor Baca stated he personally did not provide a list to Mayor Pro Tem Scott. He handed the list to City Manager Williams. The City Manager then distributed the list.

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City Manager Williams stated that is correct. She believes Mayor Pro Tem Scott stated that in his comments.

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Mayor Baca asked if it was correct that the Council Members present voted on forming a subcommittee appointing Mayor Baca and Mayor Pro Tem Scott to review application submissions for the Planning Commission and return with recommendations. That is the reason names were submitted.

He asked if Mayor Pro Tem Scott had submitted names.

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TAB 5
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City Manager Williams confirmed she did not receive a list from Mayor Pro Tem Scott.

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Mayor Baca emphasized that is what each subcommittee member was assigned to do. They were to submit, review and recommend candidates so that the City Council would then accept or add additional names.

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City Manager Williams stated that was the intent of the subcommittee. She believes the Ordinance allows the full City Council to appoint members to the Commissions as well.

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Mayor Baca stated that is what was supposed to have taken place. The City Council was supposed to return with names of individuals we agreed or disagreed upon. The City Council would then decide which individuals to add or accept the subcommittee's recommendations.

It would be unfair for the City Council to decide on candidates for the Commissions when they do not have the documents before them. The City Manager ordinarily provides the material needed for the City Council to review. Only the subcommittee members have the material. Mayor Baca passed out the list of his recommendations to the City Council.

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Council Member Montoya Jr. stated the applications were received.

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City Manager Williams stated applications were provided to the entire City Council in April 2025.

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Mayor Baca reiterated applications were not included with the report for reference. He stated that the list referenced all applicants but failed to indicate recommendations for commission appointments.

He stated that he, Mayor Pro Tem Scott and City Manager Williams participated in four of the commission interviews.

He stated that he asked the interviewees if they were not selected, would they be interested in serving in another Commission. That is how he based his decision for appointing in various Commissions.

He recommends that the Item be postponed for the next City Council meeting on August 26, 2025, so the City Council has an opportunity to look at all the information and make a fair decision.

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TAB 5
Appoint Members to City Commissions

Council Member Montoya Jr. asked if postponed, City Attorney Vail have discussions with each Council Member individually to determine if Mayor Pro Tem Scott will need to recuse himself next time.

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City Attorney Vail stated a new process is starting. Everybody will be back in play. We will have to preserve the Brown Act. I would suggest since there has not been a recommendation from the subcommittee, that you are going to have to do this as a committee of the whole, which is the whole City Council.

The Mayor has suggested that everybody bring their own list to the meeting. I suggest you don't share that list with anybody in advance or discuss because that can create a Brown Act violation. Technically you can discuss it with one other City Council Member, but the problem is somebody sends information to a City Council member that creates a potential Brown Act violation because he has already talked to somebody. We're going to start over. Everybody look through your list. Get out your books again. If you don't have them, ask the City Manager for any additional applications that you think you might need. Bring back your list of recommendations for each Commission for the next time then you can go through them.

Mayor Baca, you do have the option of interviewing candidates. Since you and the Mayor Pro Tem Scott have interviewed candidates. If the rest of the City Council feel they need to interview anybody, I hesitate to recommend you doing that at a regular meeting, but you do have the option of holding a Special Meeting to conduct interviews on behalf of the whole City Council. That's entirely up to you. You don't need to do that. You can do that. You can simply do it based on applications.

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Mayor Baca stated it took four weeks to conduct interviews.

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Council Member Perez requested all additional updated candidate information.

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Mayor Baca emphasized the importance of those individuals appointed to regularly attend Commission meetings. He pointed out the lack of attendance in the past.

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TAB 5
Appoint Members to City Commissions

Motion by Mayor Baca, second by Council Member Perez and carried by a 4-0 vote to continue the Item at the next City Council meeting on August 26, 2025.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Scott recused himself.

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REPORTS

The Council Members gave their report.

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Department Head Reports

Department Heads gave their report.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Perez, second by Council Member Montoya Jr. and carried by a 4-0 vote to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:31 pm.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Scott.

MAYOR JOE BACA

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK BARBARA A. McGEE