

# PART ONE OF MEETING

## Topics discussed

1. **Mayor Patricia Dawson, City Council meeting, public comment, closed sessions**  
[\(00:00:09 - 00:01:46\)](#)

Mayor Patricia Dawson welcomes everyone to the city of Riverside's City Council meeting for October 24th, 2023. The meeting begins with public comment, focusing on closed sessions and matters within the city's jurisdiction. Individuals can provide comments in person, by phone, or through Zoom. Participation is limited to three minutes. Patrick, who is present in the chamber, greets the mayor and explains that he will not be attending next week as he will be working with the band Devo.

2. **Halloween, mission in museum, cannabis shops, social equity cannabis permits**  
[\(00:01:46 - 00:04:30\)](#)

During the meeting, various topics were discussed such as Halloween, the Mission Inn Museum, and the social equity cannabis permits. The speaker expressed interest in having a cannabis shop at the museum but acknowledged that it might not be favored by the Roberts. They also emphasized the importance of including social equity commitments in the budget for the cannabis program to benefit Riverside citizens affected by past marijuana laws. The speaker suggested allocating permits to both big businesses and local entrepreneurs to ensure equal opportunities. They also thanked the committee for their efforts in helping the homeless and emphasized the importance of keeping Riverside safe.

3. **public comment, homeless solutions update, County of Riverside, riv co 100 program**  
[\(00:04:30 - 00:07:57\)](#)

The transcript is a meeting announcement discussing the agenda for the day. There is no public comment, so they move on to the communications portion. The Housing and Human services representative gives a presentation on homeless solutions and invites someone from the County of Riverside to present on the Riv Co 100 program. The presenter thanks the city for their cooperation and explains that the program targets chronically homeless individuals who are high users of city and county services. The program aims to provide resources for them to exit the streets. The presenter discusses the challenges faced and the efforts made to coordinate care and share information between departments.

4. **Integrated service delivery, Homelessness, Pilot program, Housing solutions**  
[\(00:07:57 - 00:17:04\)](#)

The transcript discusses a program implemented in the city of Riverside to address homelessness. The program is based on an integrated service delivery approach and involves collaboration between various agencies, including law enforcement, hospitals, and behavioral health teams. The program aims to identify and engage individuals experiencing homelessness and provide them with housing and support services. The program has started with a small group of individuals but plans to scale up countywide in the future. The transcript also mentions challenges related to the lack of permanent housing units and the need for additional resources and staff. Overall, the program has made progress in connecting individuals to housing and improving communication and

collaboration between agencies. The transcript concludes with a brief update on sustainability efforts and a late arrival announcement for a council member.

5. **trees, electric vehicles, wind, water** ([00:17:04 - 00:21:46](#))

The city has received a \$1 million grant for a tree inventory. The Board of Public Utilities approved a power purchase agreement for renewable energy. The city is applying for a \$50 million grant to invest in electric vehicles, including refuse trucks. The city is also transitioning to electric vehicles and is currently reviewing responsive bidders. An enhanced water recharge project was approved by the Board of Public Utilities. The city is making efforts to reach carbon neutrality by 2040. Power purchased from Sun comes from a wind farm in New Mexico. The Air Quality Management District endorsed the city's grant application.

6. **Sun Zia project, construction timeline, recuse, agenda, exclusive negotiating agreement** ([00:21:47 - 00:23:54](#))

During the meeting, council member Conor asked Rafael about the status of the Sun Zia project, to which Rafael replied that it is not fully up and operational. Rafael mentioned that the project has a two-year construction timeline. There was no update on item five, and the city attorney confirmed that there was no legal update. Council members recused themselves from items eight and 14 due to conflicts of interest. Item seven was removed from the agenda. The meeting then moved on to item eight, which involved extending an exclusive negotiating agreement with Greens Development for the Riverside project. The public was invited to speak on this item via phone or Zoom, with a limited time of three minutes for each speaker. Jennifer Lilly, the economic and community development director, was tasked with providing a staff report on the item.

7. **Sixth amendment, En A, Greens Development, Riverside Alive** ([00:23:55 - 00:33:01](#))

The speaker presents an overview of the sixth amendment to the En A with Greens Development and the Riverside Alive project. The project consists of two phases, including hotel and residential components. The speaker discusses the environmental review phase and the city's focus on understanding the project's impacts. They mention the need to study the full envelope and make decisions on scaling down or changing components based on the post-COVID economy. The speaker also discusses the timeline and cost-sharing arrangements with the developer. A council member raises concerns about the length of the project and requests more information on cost estimates. After a vote is taken, it is determined that the motion does not pass and the En A is not extended. A revote is called for.

8. **city council, minutes, Councilwoman Cervantes, vote, tiebreaker** ([00:33:03 - 00:37:12](#))

No summary is available for this section of the meeting.

9. **Downtown Business Improvement area, Annual assessments, Riverside Downtown Partnership, Public hearing** ([00:37:13 - 01:07:52](#))

The transcript is a presentation given by Karen Hessel, the interim debt and treasury manager, and Shelby Worthington Loomis, chair of the Board of Directors of the Riverside Downtown Partnership. They discuss the annual assessments for the Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) for the calendar year 2024. The proposed assessments are brought to the City council for review and approval, and no changes to the boundaries or amounts have been proposed. The presentation highlights the activities and benefits provided by the Riverside Downtown Partnership, such as business

promotion, security, public events, parking activities, and beautification efforts. The request is for the City council to conduct a public hearing and approve the bid levy for 2024. During the council meeting, a member of the public raises concerns about a new development and the lack of shopping options nearby, and the council members respond positively. The transcript also discusses the ambassador program in downtown, which has expanded its territory and focuses on safety, cleanliness, and security. The council members express appreciation for the program and discuss ways to improve it. The conversation then shifts to a zoning code clean-up presentation. Public comments are invited, and Paige Montejo is mentioned as the first speaker.

10. **Zoning code clean up, Amendments, Provisions, RV parking** ([01:07:52 - 01:20:42](#))

The speaker, Paige Montejo, presents the 2023 zoning code clean-up to the council. The purpose of the clean-up is to ensure consistency, clarify language, and align with state law. There are 13 provisions that require minor changes or updates, and they can be approved individually or as a package. The amendments include streamlining yard projections, removing conflict in mixed-use zones, updating provisions for tattoo parlors, untangling truck-related terms, aligning with state law on parking requirements, regulating RV parking in single-family zones, updating language on electrified fences and wall heights, and aligning with state law on farm worker housing. Additionally, there is a zoning map amendment proposed for a city-owned property. The staff recommends approving the amendments, and council members express their support and concerns.

11. **East Side, university specific plan, city surplus sites, parking minimums** ([01:20:42 - 01:26:02](#))

The speaker is discussing a report that highlights changes in the East Side and War Two areas that could impact the university-specific plan and potential development. They ask if the removal of mandatory parking requirements could help attract more projects or if it could hinder affordable or mixed-use development. The speaker mentions a state law, A B 2097, which prohibits local jurisdictions from imposing minimum parking requirements in certain areas. They explain that this new law could allow for more flexibility in new development and give examples of how it could affect parking standards. The speaker also mentions concerns about mixed-use zones and restrictions on drive-through restaurants. They mention a specific site on University in Mesa that has faced challenges due to parking requirements and zoning. Another person responds that the new law could bring more flexibility but would prohibit drive-throughs in certain areas. They clarify that the University Avenue specific plan would not be affected unless the site has mixed-use zoning. The original speaker expresses concern about further restrictions that could make development harder and create challenges. They state that they are conflicted on the issue and would like to hear their colleagues' opinions.

12. **concerns, pandemic, restaurants, driver, Mu village, Maltese urban, case by case, truck terminal storage, prohibitive use, residents, truck drivers, park, Colton, burden, family members, proposed amendment, truck and trailer storage, permitted use, code, zoning districts, outdoor storage, industrial use, clarifying amendment, prohibited use** ([01:26:02 - 01:28:32](#))

During the meeting, concerns were raised about removing restaurant use from the Mu village in the Maltese urban area. It was considered a bad idea due to the impact it may have on restaurants and their delivery drivers. Additionally, the prohibition of truck terminal storage was discussed, with three residents highlighting the challenges they face

when parking their trucks in Colton. The proposed amendment clarified that truck and trailer storage is currently not permitted in any zone and would still be prohibited under the new code.

13. **Council member, Condo, Clarification, RVS, Hesitations, Monitoring, Land use committee, Unintended consequences, Code enforcement, Recreational vehicles, Magnolia specific plan, Drive-through, Specific plans, Design requirements, Mixed use zoning, Prohibited use, Amendment, Business owners, Residents, Council meeting, University neighborhood, Accessory structures, Residential zones, Natural habitat, Protections, Permits, Violations, Parking requirements, Fast food restaurants, Walkable spaces, Mixed use villages, Zoning goals, Cannabis sales permit fees** ([01:28:32 - 01:41:31](#))

The transcript covers a council meeting discussing various topics. Some of the issues raised include concerns about a new policy and its potential unintended consequences, discussions about specific plans and zoning regulations, the need for ongoing monitoring and updates, and discussions about permit fees for commercial cannabis sales. The council members express their opinions and ask questions regarding these topics. No specific decision or resolution is mentioned in the transcript.

14. **retail, commercial, cannabis, business, permit fees** ([01:41:32 - 01:55:27](#))

The transcript discusses the presentation of storefront retail, commercial cannabis business permit fees to the mayor and council members. The presenter explains that the fees are designed to recover the costs associated with the cannabis program and that a fee study was conducted with the assistance of a consulting firm. The presentation includes a comparison of fees charged by other cities and the proposed fees for the application review process and the site review fee. The presenter also mentions that additional fees for annual review, appeal, change of business location, and transfer of permit will be brought back at a later time. A council member raises concerns about the lack of social equity in the permit allocation and suggests exploring options for reduced fees for applicants who hire local workers or have a background of being impacted by the war on drugs. The presenter agrees to take the feedback to the social equity consultant and discuss it with the council. In the end, a motion is made to approve the staff recommendations.

15. **Council member, Community benefit fees, Breakdown of costs, Merit based ranking** ([01:55:27 - 01:57:30](#))

During the meeting, a council member raised a question about community benefit fees and why the breakdown of costs for permits and background checks is not provided. It was clarified that community benefits would be part of the proposals in the application and negotiated during the operation agreements. The council member suggested listing this information publicly for better clarity. A motion to approve staff's recommendations was passed with five affirmative votes and two no votes. The meeting adjourned until open session at 6:15 p.m.

## PART TWO OF MEETING

### Topics discussed

1. **pray, gather, work, community** ([00:00:00 - 00:03:09](#))

The transcript begins with a prayer thanking God for the opportunity to gather and work for the city. They ask for guidance, wisdom, and new ideas to meet their goals and create a welcoming environment. They also ask for protection for city employees. After the prayer, Councilman Perry leads the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting then moves on to the public comment portion, where people can comment on consent calendar items or anything within the city council's jurisdiction. They can do so in person or by phone. Individual participation is limited to three minutes. The transcript mentions that there are several comments to be made, starting with Steven Figueroa.

2. **housing, Riverside, conference, solution** ([00:03:15 - 00:07:59](#))

Mr. Steve Fr, a speaker at the meeting, announced that his organization will be hosting a housing conference in Riverside in February. He emphasized the importance of community involvement and collaboration to address housing issues. Another speaker, Patrick, invited attendees to his meet and greet event and promoted various upcoming events in the city. He also mentioned the Halloween event in the Wood Streets neighborhood and advised caution during the festivities. Mr. Maloney expressed gratitude to everyone and acknowledged the presence of a large number of attendees. The transcript ends with an introduction of Darryl Terrell.

3. **catalytic converter thefts, cities, boundaries, neighborhoods, residents, business communities, government agencies, police department, tools, criminally prosecute, valid ownership, financial turmoil, ordinances, California, inland Empire, fight back, hold accountable, insurance, transportation, jobs, loved ones, child care, partnership, speak, plant commissioner, staff** ([00:08:01 - 00:11:17](#))

Mister Terrell, a resident of Moreno Valley, expresses concern about catalytic converter thefts that affect both his city and the neighboring city. He believes that these thieves operate without boundaries and have a negative impact on residents, businesses, and government agencies. Mr. Terrell suggests that the police department needs additional tools to hold these thieves accountable and proposes passing an ordinance similar to other cities in California to help identify and prosecute these thieves. He emphasizes the financial burden that residents face due to the cost of repairs and the importance of having reliable transportation to work and childcare. Mr. Terrell concludes by thanking the meeting attendees for allowing him to speak on behalf of himself and not as a city planning commissioner.

4. **Phil Falcone, political activity, conflict of interest, Alzheimer's Awareness Month** ([00:11:17 - 00:22:24](#))

Jason Hunter expresses his concern about a city employee, Phil Falcone, who is running for city council and using his position in the mayor's office to further his political ambitions, which goes against the municipal code. Rich Gardner speaks about Alzheimer's awareness and the need for more attention and funding for the disease. Council member Edwards discusses funding for homelessness initiatives in Riverside County and highlights the success of the work in the Santa Ana River bottom. She also encourages the public to attend upcoming meetings to provide input on the budget. Council member Edwards also mentions the upcoming Dia De Los Muertos celebration in downtown Riverside. Another council member gives a shout-out to their office for their hard work in covering meetings and planning events in Ward 2.

5. **safety security meeting, Hill Zone collaborative meeting, LGBT Q panel, neighborhood meetings, pilot project, residents concerns, Thanksgiving dinner, rooftop jazz event, pink parade, Fall Harvest Festival, UCRR Garden, MLK Drive, Thanksgiving turkey dinner, champions of flight dinner, March Field Air Museum, Howell Ween spectacular, war dog Memorial park, Alzheimer's, ILV, Hindu Society, budget community meetings, bulk drop off, La Sierra Public Library, Halloween event, tours of fire stations, p set teams, beautified riverside event, mental health** ([00:22:24 - 00:34:21](#))

Last Thursday, the speaker attended a safety security meeting with businesses in Cranford and a collaborative meeting in Hill Zone. They then spoke at a panel discussion at Riverside City College about LGBTQ+ issues. The speaker also mentioned two neighborhood meetings, one in Lincoln Park and one in Sycamore Canyon, where they discussed residents' concerns about park activity. They thanked the Riverside Police and other team members for attending and answering questions. The speaker also mentioned upcoming events, such as the Thanksgiving dinner, rooftop jazz event, pink parade, and Fall Harvest Festival. They paid respects to a council member who had passed away and shared information about the Champions of Flight dinner and the Howl Ween Spectacular event. Other council members spoke about Alzheimer's disease, the budget community meetings, a library Halloween event, and the value of pet teams in preventing fires in the river bottom. The speaker also encouraged taking care of mental health.

6. **model deaf community, certificates of recognition, recognition, community members** ([00:34:21 - 00:37:48](#))

The meeting began with a presentation to recognize the members of the model deaf community who have been active in the community. Certificates of recognition were given to each member present. The names of the members were called out one by one, and they were asked to come to the front for a picture with the council. Some members received awards posthumously. There was someone present to collect on behalf of one member.

7. **Mayor, Ward Four, deaf community, commission** ([00:37:49 - 00:41:02](#))

The meeting transcript includes mentions of honorary member Mayor Ron Loveridge and new member Darlene Warlords from Ward Four. The speaker encourages Darlene Warlords to join the group photo and promises to give her a certificate. The speaker clarifies that this is not the commission, but the model deaf community. They invite everyone to clap in sign language to show appreciation. The speaker ends the meeting and mentions that the next agenda item is the presentation of a proclamation.

8. **Mayor Bailey, proclamation, National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, Darlene** ([00:41:02 - 00:41:27](#))

Former Mayor Bailey is being recognized for National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. Darlene will give a presentation.

9. **Evening, Powerpoint, Thank you** ([00:41:27 - 00:41:32](#))

No summary is available for this section of the meeting.

10. **Alzheimer's disease, dementia, caregiver support, statistics** ([00:41:33 - 00:45:59](#))

Darlene Merker, who has worked in Senior Health Care for 36 years, talked about Alzheimer's disease recognition in the month of November. She explained that Alzheimer's is a type of dementia and accounts for about 60% of all dementias. Worldwide, there are at least 55 million people believed to be living with Alzheimer's,

with 46,000 in Riverside County. If breakthroughs are not made, this number could double every 20 years. Darlene mentioned that help is available for caregivers of those with dementia through organizations like Inland Caregiver Resource Center and the Alzheimer's Association. She also highlighted the workshops and support groups they offer, which are currently being held on Zoom. Darlene mentioned that their agency, Inland Caregiver Resource Center, has been operating since 1985 and receives grant money from the State of California and Riverside County. They provide assistance to family caregivers and seniors. Darlene shared that they serve informal caregivers of individuals with brain impairments and also those caring for dependent adults aged 60 or older. Additionally, they provide services directly to seniors who need help with daily activities. Darlene mentioned a virtual caregiver conference happening in November with Dr. Trent as the keynote speaker, focusing on recognizing and treating agitation in Alzheimer's disease. Finally, Sherry Fleischman was invited to share her public comments.

**11. Riverside Purple boat float, Inland Dementia Care, resource center, Alzheimer's Awareness Month ([00:45:59 - 00:53:06](#))**

In the transcript, the speaker discusses their role as city commissioner and their involvement in the Riverside Purple boat float, which is in its seventh year. They express gratitude to some individuals for the inspiration and support. They also mention a new business endeavor called the Inland Dementia Care, which aims to provide assistance and support to the community, particularly those affected by dementia. The speaker invites everyone to attend the boat float and expresses pride in their accomplishments. Another speaker highlights the importance of public comment and how it can influence positive change in the community. The transcript concludes with a proclamation declaring November 2023 as National Alzheimer's and caregiver Awareness Month in Riverside. Finally, there is a request to postpone a discussion on the Riverside Prosper Success report.

**12. consent calendar, city manager, item 23, public comment ([00:53:06 - 00:54:36](#))**

During the meeting, the city manager suggested pulling item 23 from the consent calendar, as they had a question about it. The rest of the items on the consent calendar were approved unanimously. Since item 23 was pulled, public comment was opened for that specific item, with instructions provided on how to participate. The transcript ends with a statement from council member Cervantes expressing gratitude.

**13. city manager, inquiry, autonomous shuttle, grant ([00:54:36 - 01:07:01](#))**

During the meeting, a council member asked for clarification on a sentence in a document regarding the lease of an autonomous shuttle. The assistant city manager explained that the grant was for an electric shuttle and that the option for the autonomous shuttle was added for future consideration. The council member suggested separating the discussion and voting on the different pieces. The motion to approve the item was made and unanimously passed. The meeting then moved on to a report from council members about the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project. They discussed the progress made by the working group in identifying funding sources and the next steps for the project. Public comments were then heard, and several individuals expressed their support for undergrounding the project due to the history of natural disasters caused by the utility company. The meeting concluded with thanks to the council members for their leadership and a reminder to be concise in providing public comments.

14. **RT RP, poor advocacy, disabled support, utility rates** ([01:07:01 - 01:09:47](#))  
Steven Figueroa expresses his support for RT RP and advocates for the poor and disabled. He mentions concerns about rate increases and the impact it has on those who cannot afford it. He also expresses support for Edison and acknowledges their contributions to the community. Figueroa appeals to the audience's conscience and emphasizes the need for more affordable housing and utilities. He also mentions that the CPUC has approved RT RP and urges support for the project. The meeting moderator asks for no clapping during comments. Frank Montez and Sharon Mattea are scheduled to speak next, followed by Robert Chavez.
15. **Small businesses, Project approval, Energy supply, Latino community** ([01:09:48 - 01:18:11](#))  
Frank Montes, representing the Hispanic Coalition of small businesses and the Southern California Black Chambers of Commerce, urges the council to move forward with the approved project in Southern California and the Inland Empire. He emphasizes the importance of a reliable energy supply for small businesses and affordable rates for ratepayers. Sharon Mattea, founder of Residence for Responsible Representation, highlights concerns about the project's impact on the West End and La Sierra communities and questions the acquisition of land for the project. Robert Chavez, speaking on behalf of Recurrent Energy, supports the Riverside transmission reliability project and expresses interest in collaborating with the city to build a large-scale battery energy storage system. Andrew Martinez is next to speak.
16. **electric reliable service, second connection, Riverside, project delay** ([01:18:11 - 01:29:47](#))  
Andrew Martinez, a resident of Riverside and Vice President of Safety, Security, and Business Brazil, emphasizes the importance of reliable electrical service for the growth and development of the city. He highlights the risks and impacts that come with a lack of reliable power. Larry Chung, Vice President of Local Public Affairs for Southern California Edison, supports the RT RP project and stresses the need for a second interconnection to ensure reliability for Riverside. He urges the council to move forward with the approved project to avoid further delays and higher costs. Kevin Bash expresses concerns about the potential wildfire risks associated with overhead power lines and advocates for undergrounding the project to protect the community. April Glasel speaks on behalf of many residents who support undergrounding the project, emphasizing the need to consider the pros and cons and secure funding to avoid negative impacts on the landscape and wildlife.
17. **Norco, PO position petition, Santa Ana river bed, fire risk None** ([01:29:47 - 01:37:42](#))  
The mayor of Norco, Robin Gremer, expresses concerns about the increased fire risk in the city and the potential impact of the proposed transmission towers along the Santa Ana river bed. She emphasizes the need to protect residents and their homes. Another speaker, representing the workforce, expresses support for the project and the economic benefits it will bring. John Baca highlights the current capacity challenges and urges the council to expedite the project for the sake of reliability. Nicholas Adcock, President CEO of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, acknowledges the work of the working group and asserts that the project has undergone thorough review and should move forward.



**18. transmission lines, property owner, Hidden Valley Nature Center, appraisal group** ([01:37:46 - 01:40:11](#))

Matt Blackburn, a local property owner in Ward Seven, expressed his disappointment during the meeting. About two years ago, Edison contacted him to appraise his land for transmission lines, but he never heard from them again. He questioned how many other landowners had not been contacted. Blackburn urged the city council to take the necessary time to underground the lines and protect the citizens and property values. He suggested that it might take longer to negotiate with him for the land and airspace needed than to secure funds for the underground project. Blackburn emphasized that the lines should be underground and requested that the council take the time to do it right.

**19. project authorization, second connection, statewide grid, public health and safety** ([01:40:12 - 01:42:15](#))

Justin Scott Coe, a resident and former member and chair of Riverside's Board of Public Utilities, addressed the honorable mayor, city council members, and staff. He submitted a letter along with four former board colleagues, urging the council to authorize a vital project. The lack of a second connection to the statewide grid poses a threat to the public health, safety, and economy of Riverside. Losing this project would result in either facing life-threatening blackouts or paying unaffordable electric rates. California and the nation need to invest billions of dollars in new power lines for the electrified future. It is unlikely that limited tax dollars will be available to unnecessarily underground power lines. Justin Scott Coe urged the council to make the responsible choice of building the project for reliable, sustainable, and affordable energy.

**20. underground, neighborhood, project, technology** ([01:42:17 - 01:46:05](#))

The speaker, Patrick, acknowledges the seriousness of the situation and commends the city for their hard work. They mention attending meetings where residents discussed whether or not to underground a project. While some friends are in favor of it, others are not. Patrick states that the majority of their neighborhood wants to underground the project, even though they personally may not agree. They mention the lack of an environmental impact report for undergrounding and highlight the benefits they have observed at other locations. Ultimately, Patrick urges the council to vote in favor of undergrounding based on their neighborhood's preferences. Another caller, Aurora Chavez, comments on the need for new technology in the 20-year project, citing improvements in underground electric lines. The summary ends with the mention of another caller, but their statement is not provided.

**21. Mayor, city council, environmental documents, wildfire** ([01:46:11 - 01:49:16](#))

The attorney representing the city of Narco, Michael Day, highlighted serious defects in the environmental documents regarding wildfire risk. The 2013 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and 2018 Subsequent EIR did not properly consider significant impacts related to wildfires. The existing regulations and mitigation measures mentioned in the 2013 EIR were not sufficient to reduce the risk of wildfires caused by power lines. The 2018 EIR relied heavily on the original report and did not consider the recent epidemic of wildfires in California. The attorney argued that these documents do not comply with the Attorney General's guidelines for addressing wildfire risk and that they should include impacts on emergency response and the exacerbation of wildfires. The Riverside County fire chief and former Norco fire chief confirmed that the proposed power line towers would negatively affect emergency response to wildfires and increased the risk of

additional ignitions. The attorney requested the Public Utilities Commission to order further environmental reviews and additional mitigation measures, including the undergrounding of the power lines. The city of Norco is not requesting the termination of the project but rather additional measures to address the wildfire risks.

22. **power lines, underground, risks, issues** ([01:49:16 - 01:51:29](#))

The caller is a long-time resident of Riverside who used to live near power lines in Fontana and is strongly opposed to having them above ground in Riverside. She believes they should be underground to avoid issues and eyesores. She criticizes those who claim to represent the Hispanic community, stating that they do not speak for everyone. She argues that the people who support above ground power lines are motivated by financial gain. She urges council members to consider the impact on the community and to vote against above ground power lines. She emphasizes the importance of representing constituents and not special interests.

23. **underground option, above ground lines, fires, winds, liability, new evidence, fire marshal, safe condition, petition, reliability, earthquake, Edison, SEIU guys, electrical unions, ferc, health hazards, fire hazard, tower line, cost analysis, funding, beautification, passion, above ground, underground** ([01:51:30 - 02:00:09](#))

The caller, Melissa McKeith, expresses her opposition to building above-ground power lines in the area due to the potential fire hazard and liability for the city. She suggests waiting for the outcome of Norco's petition and possible undergrounding. She also mentions concerns about the reliability of multiple connections to the grid in the event of an earthquake. The caller alleges that Edison plays hardball and attempts to undermine lobbyists hired by Norco. Another caller supports underground transmission lines due to health and fire hazards. They mention that Edison has been misleading the board and withholding cost analysis. The caller emphasizes the importance of undergrounding for the environment and beautification of Riverside. Another caller criticizes the lack of communication with the community regarding the project and urges the council to vote in favor of undergrounding.

## PART THREE OF MEETING

### Topics discussed

1. **underground, funding, community, project** ([00:00:00 - 00:04:59](#))

During the meeting, several callers expressed support for putting the utilities underground. They emphasized that the public wants the project to be underground for aesthetic and safety reasons. One caller suggested that citizens should be provided with a toolkit to assist in securing funding for the project. Another caller, who is an attorney working on the project, addressed concerns about wildfire risks and cost differentials associated with undergrounding. The meeting ended with a reminder for callers to keep their comments brief.

2. **Neighbors better together, wholesale energy grid, underground transmission, loss of property values** ([00:05:00 - 00:08:13](#))

Jason Hunter, Chairman of Neighbors Better Together, supports the working group's proposal for a second underground interconnection to the wholesale energy grid in

Riverside. He argues that an above-ground transmission line would negatively impact property values, economic development, scenic views, and environmentally sensitive areas. Hunter points out that the community's opposition has prevented the project from being built before and urges support for the working group's recommendation.

3. **caller, Stacy Ritter, Edison, ratepayers** ([00:08:13 - 00:08:52](#))

Stacy Ritter called in during the meeting and disagreed with the statement made by the Edison representative that ratepayers will have to pay more. She believes that the funds are secured and the city can use the GFT tax to help cover costs. However, she is concerned that home values will decrease as a result.

4. **realtor, buyer, home, lines, Orange County** ([00:08:52 - 00:21:09](#))

The speaker, identified as a realtor, expresses concerns about overhead power lines behind a brand new home in Orange County that was purchased for \$150,000 less than neighboring homes. The speaker argues that the surrounding communities and residents oppose the overhead power lines and urges the listeners to vote for them to be underground. They also mention the potential risk of fires near homes and criticize those who support above ground lines solely for financial gain. After public comments, the meeting takes a brief break, and then resumes with a council member starting the discussion. The council member clarifies that no decisions to pause the project were made by the council, but rather by external parties. They discuss potential funding options, a petition for modification, and the need for further considerations and resources. Another council member speaks and thanks those involved in finding funding to underground the lines and disputes claims about potential increases in rates. They mention two possible sources of funding from the federal government and argue that the project should be done correctly.

5. **Larry Chung, white knight, Riverside Norco, CPUC** ([00:21:11 - 00:33:42](#))

The transcript includes discussions about a proposed project and whether it should be underground or above ground. There are mentions of conversations with Larry Chung from SCE, concerns about the cost and profitability of the project, and the involvement of various politicians in the decision-making process. The CPUC's role and potential funding sources are also discussed. Some council members express the need for more information and clarity about the project and its funding. Overall, the main focus is on determining the right course of action for the project and addressing the concerns of residents.

6. **Grip Grants, RT RP, grant funding, agency request, Southern California Edison, funding transfer, earmark money, fiscal year 2024 appropriation, grid resilience state tribal formula grant program, capacity supply electricity, growth projections, peak load, available capacity, Riverside Energy Resource Center, N minus one situation, return on investment, leverage funding, transmission access charge, petition for modification, statewide advocacy groups** ([00:33:42 - 00:40:32](#))

During the meeting, Todd Corbin, Utilities General Manager, addressed the issue of funding for the RT RP project. He mentioned that the Public Utilities Department did not prepare a concept paper for it but did apply for funding for another utility project. One challenge they face is determining which agency should request the grant, whether it's the city of Riverside or Southern California Edison. The department reached out for additional earmark money from Senator Padilla's office to support the project, but it's not clear how the funding could be transferred to Southern California Edison. As for funding

from Congress, they have made a letter of interest but are unsure if it will be approved due to the ongoing process and delays in Congress. They also discussed the utility's capacity to supply electricity for future growth and stated that they are still in line with the projections made in previous reports. However, there is concern about a line out of vista that is impacted and may no longer be available, putting the utility in a critical situation needing additional capacity. In terms of return on investment, the cost to Riverside ratepayers is relatively low compared to the overall project cost. Lastly, there was mention of a petition for modification being filed, which could potentially restart the entire project and face opposition from advocacy groups.

7. **Riverside, Norco, Potential issues, Land acquisition** ([00:40:34 - 00:54:51](#))

During the meeting, there was discussion about the potential consequences of the project on the city of Harpa Valley and the need for outreach to address any potential issues. Questions were raised about the number of properties that would need to be acquired for the project and the timeline for starting construction. It was clarified that while the project is considered "shovel ready," there are still obstacles to overcome. There was also discussion about the possibility of underground construction leading to longer-term job opportunities and the importance of considering the environmental impact and community engagement in the decision-making process. The potential impact on first responders in the event of a fire was also mentioned. Council members expressed support for exploring funding options and reaching out to relevant officials. The need for accurate load projections and prioritizing the project was emphasized by the utilities staff.

8. **agreement, funding, interconnection Facilities agreement, CPUC, legal ramifications** ([00:54:51 - 00:57:24](#))

The transcript discusses an agreement between the city and Southern California Edison regarding an interconnection Facilities agreement. This agreement outlines the cost allocations, responsibilities, liabilities, and mutual support between the two parties as they seek approval from the CPUC for a project. The speaker clarifies that as long as the council does not cancel the project, there should be no legal concerns. If the project were to be canceled, it could potentially raise issues with the agreement.

9. **underground, funding, uncertainties, concrete information** ([00:57:24 - 01:12:57](#))

The speaker acknowledges the challenges and uncertainties surrounding a decision regarding underground power lines. They express a desire for more concrete information and note the ambiguity in the city manager's office request to elected officials. Concerns about the timing and potential duration of the funding process are raised. The speaker expresses the need to be realistic and well-informed when making decisions. Another council member makes a motion to receive and file a report and proposes next steps for the working group. The speaker notes that decisions need to be made considering the impact on neighborhoods, the city, and various entities that depend on reliable utility service. They mention the potential consequences of not having a backup electric service and highlight the vulnerability of low-income and senior citizens. The speaker describes the process and delays in obtaining funding updates and expresses concern about potential rate increases for ratepayers. They stress the need for a second connection to the electric grid and mention various mandates and challenges the city faces. The speaker questions the feasibility of obtaining federal funding and highlights the existence of an already-funded and approved project. They emphasize the need for change in resolving specific issues related to utility lines. The council member appreciates the information

provided by another council member regarding spending and the length of the project. They express their personal connection to the city and the importance of making decisions for the future of Riverside. The council member questions the actions of SCE and suggests that the project could have started sooner. They express the desire to protect the city's future for future generations. A motion is passed with four votes in favor and three against. The city attorney reports no action taken during the closed session. The meeting concludes with no items mentioned for future agendas.

## POTENTIAL ACTIONS

### PART ONE OF MEETING

- Research and gather information on the mission in museum project. [\[1\]](#)
- Ensure that the budget for the cannabis program includes funds for social equity cannabis permits, taxes, and permits needed to support social equity commitments. [\[2\]](#)
- Advocate for a fair distribution of permits, including giving opportunities to local businesses. [\[3\]](#)
- Continue efforts to keep Riverside safe and support programs like the cares program. [\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)
- Express gratitude and appreciation to the people working on the housing and homeless committee, as well as those behind the scenes assisting with finding resources for individuals in need. [\[6\]](#)
- Close public comment and move on to the communications portion of the agenda. [\[7\]](#)
- Receive a presentation from Michelle Davis on the homeless solutions update. [\[8\]](#)
- Hear a presentation on the riv co 100 program from Greg Rodriguez. [\[9\]](#)
- Continue coordinating care and engagement between the county and the city. [\[10\]](#)[\[11\]](#)
- Continue working on a centralized data system and utilize data sharing agreements to improve data analysis and monitoring. [\[12\]](#)
- Identify new resources and additional staff to alleviate strain on workers and enhance service provision. [\[13\]](#)[\[14\]](#)[\[15\]](#)
- Increase housing supply at various levels and types to address the needs of the homeless population. [\[16\]](#)[\[17\]](#)[\[18\]](#)
- Focus on prevention strategies to prevent individuals from becoming chronically homeless. [\[19\]](#)[\[20\]](#)[\[21\]](#)
- Collaborate with behavioral health to provide substance use treatment options and increase the availability of recovery centers. [\[22\]](#)[\[23\]](#)[\[24\]](#)
- Bring the tree inventory acceptance of the \$1 million grant award to the city council by the end of the year. [\[25\]](#)[\[26\]](#)
- Proceed with the power purchase agreement with Sun to increase renewable, non greenhouse gas emitting sourced electricity to 75%. [\[27\]](#)[\[28\]](#)
- Evaluate and select responsive bidders for the electric vehicle transition request for proposal and bring it forward to council by the end of the year. [\[29\]](#)[\[30\]](#)

- Bring the enhanced water recharge project approval to the city council by the end of the year. [\[31\]](#)[\[32\]](#)
- Work with Cert at UCR to study non-greenhouse gas emission vehicle infrastructure and produce a map for future infrastructure placement. [\[33\]](#)[\[34\]](#)[\[35\]](#)
- Determine the timeline and plan for the completion of the Sun Zia project. [\[36\]](#)
- Clarify if there are any updates or legal matters regarding item five. [\[37\]](#)[\[38\]](#)
- Address the recusal requests from council members for items eight and 14. [\[39\]](#)[\[40\]](#)
- Proceed with item eight, which involves extending the exclusive negotiating agreement with Greens Development for the Riverside project. [\[41\]](#)[\[42\]](#)
- Provide a staff report on the item from Jennifer Lilly, the economic and community development director. [\[43\]](#)
- Complete the environmental review phase and study the impacts of the project in the new environmental climate. [\[44\]](#)[\[45\]](#)[\[46\]](#)
- Conduct an independent evaluation of the Convention Center expansion to determine what it needs to look like in today's economy. [\[47\]](#)[\[48\]](#)
- Finalize the development agreement negotiation with the developer. [\[49\]](#)
- Approve the sixth amendment to the En A. [\[50\]](#)[\[51\]](#)[\[52\]](#)
- Review the environmental contract and determine the anticipated cost for sharing with the applicant. [\[53\]](#)[\[54\]](#)[\[55\]](#)
- Councilwoman Cervantes needs to be informed about the ongoing discussion.
- The council needs to vote again due to a tie.
- The council will adjourn to a closed session and return at 3 p.m. for a public hearing.
- Item 14, the resolution of the city council confirming the annual report of the Riverside Downtown Partnership, will be discussed.
- Council member Fierro will return for item 15.
- City council should conduct a public hearing to hear and rule on any protest to the annual assessment for the downtown parking and business improvement area. [\[56\]](#)[\[57\]](#)[\[58\]](#)
- City council should adopt a resolution confirming the annual report for the Riverside Downtown Partnership and assessments for calendar year 2024. [\[59\]](#)[\[60\]](#)[\[61\]](#)
- Riverside Downtown Partnership should continue its activities and efforts in 2024 based on its board goals, including serving as a liaison between downtown businesses and local government, expanding services and values for its members, and directing monetary resources and staff time to activities that provide direct benefits to the Riverside Downtown Partnership Business Improvement Area members. [\[62\]](#)[\[63\]](#)[\[64\]](#)
- Riverside Downtown Partnership should continue advocating on and mobilizing on parking issues that affect downtown businesses employees and increasing its activities and efforts in beautification and cleanliness efforts. [\[65\]](#)[\[66\]](#)[\[67\]](#)
- Riverside Downtown Partnership should continue hosting and sponsoring events to bring visitors and business customers to downtown and promoting downtown events and attractions through various media. [\[68\]](#)[\[69\]](#)[\[70\]](#)
- Streamline and clarify provisions for permitted projections into required yards. [\[71\]](#)[\[72\]](#)[\[73\]](#)
- Remove conflict and establish consistency within the mixed-use zones. [\[74\]](#)[\[75\]](#)[\[76\]](#)
- Update provisions for tattoo parlors to align with other similar personal uses. [\[77\]](#)[\[78\]](#)[\[79\]](#)

- Clarify terms for truck-related uses and remove ambiguity in permitting processes. [\[80\]](#)[\[81\]](#)[\[82\]](#)
- Align the zoning code with state law regarding parking requirements for places of worship. [\[83\]](#)[\[84\]](#)[\[85\]](#)
- Determine the specific changes recommended that could impact the university specific plan and potential development on surplus sites. [\[86\]](#)[\[87\]](#)[\[88\]](#)
- Clarify the impact of the code section regarding parking and loading on attracting additional projects and its potential effect on affordable or mixed-use development. [\[89\]](#)[\[90\]](#)[\[91\]](#)
- Understand the implications of state law A B 2097, which prohibits local jurisdictions from imposing minimum parking requirements in certain areas. [\[92\]](#)[\[93\]](#)[\[94\]](#)
- Explore the increased flexibility in new development, particularly in relation to minimum parking standards based on use and square footage. [\[95\]](#)[\[96\]](#)
- Assess the potential contradictions or restrictions between the mixed-use zones and the university specific plan regarding drive-through restaurants and development opportunities. [\[97\]](#)[\[98\]](#)[\[99\]](#)
- Consider reviewing restaurant use in the Mu village in the Maltese urban area on a case-by-case basis. [\[100\]](#)
- Assess the need for truck terminal storage and consider allowing it as a permitted use in appropriate zones. [\[101\]](#)
- Explore solutions for truck drivers who currently have no place to park their trucks in the city, such as establishing designated parking areas. [\[102\]](#)
- Clarify the code to explicitly state whether truck and trailer storage is a permitted use or a prohibited use in different zoning districts. [\[103\]](#)
- Evaluate the potential impact and benefits of allowing outdoor storage as a general industrial use in appropriate zones. [\[104\]](#)
- Monitor the solution proposed by Council Woman Placencia and report on any unintended consequences after a year. [\[105\]](#)[\[106\]](#)[\[107\]](#)
- Consider updating the Magnolia specific plan to address concerns about drive-through restaurants and seek input from business owners and residents. [\[108\]](#)[\[109\]](#)[\[110\]](#)
- Discuss and consider alternative design standards for drive-through lanes, such as concentrating them towards the rear and creating a better streetscape. [\[111\]](#)[\[112\]](#)[\[113\]](#)
- Ensure that existing protections for wildlife and natural habitat are maintained and enforced when approving accessory structures in residential zones. [\[114\]](#)[\[115\]](#)[\[116\]](#)
- Continue to educate residents about the requirements and limitations of permits and development in sensitive areas. [\[117\]](#)[\[118\]](#)[\[119\]](#)
- Conduct a public hearing to adopt the ordinance for the cannabis permit fees. [\[120\]](#)[\[121\]](#)[\[122\]](#)
- Adopt a resolution amending the city's fees and charges schedule for storefront retail, commercial cannabis business permits. [\[123\]](#)[\[124\]](#)[\[125\]](#)
- Provide direction to staff to bring back additional fees for consideration at a later time, including an annual review fee, appeal fee, change of business location fee, and transfer of permit fee. [\[126\]](#)[\[127\]](#)[\[128\]](#)
- Consider the possibility of implementing reduced fees for applicants who meet certain criteria, such as hiring a local workforce or demonstrating their background as a victim of the war on drugs. [\[129\]](#)[\[130\]](#)[\[131\]](#)

- Continue working with the social equity consultant and team to develop a social equity program and consider incorporating fee considerations within the program. [\[132\]](#)[\[133\]](#)[\[134\]](#)
- Clarify the breakdown of permits and background checks costs for the community benefit fees. [\[135\]](#)[\[136\]](#)
- Ensure that applicants are provided with an explanation of what they are paying for and how community benefits will be factored into the application and negotiation process. [\[137\]](#)[\[138\]](#)
- Make the breakdown of costs publicly available for better understanding. [\[139\]](#)[\[140\]](#)
- List the additional pieces that applicants will have to provide along with the community benefit fees. [\[141\]](#)[\[142\]](#)
- Adjourn until the open session at 6:15 p.m. [\[143\]](#)[\[144\]](#)

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- Begin the meeting with the public comment portion, allowing individuals to speak on the consent calendar items or matters within the jurisdiction of the city council. [\[1\]](#)
- Provide options for public comment, either by phone or in person, allowing participants to raise their hand or use the raise hand function in the Zoom app to indicate their desire to speak. [\[2\]](#)
- Limit individual participation to three minutes for each speaker. [\[3\]](#)
- Acknowledge that there are several comments to address, starting with Steven Figueroa. [\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)
- Prepare for the housing conference in February and secure a decent location. [\[6\]](#)
- Encourage participation from community-based organizations, government organizations, and big names in the industry. [\[7\]](#)
- Attend the meet and greet at UL Brewing Company on Sunday for campaign purposes. [\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)
- Host an open mic every Wednesday at back to the grind and invite people to attend. [\[10\]](#)[\[11\]](#)
- Attend the show at Arts Bar and Grill on Thursday and encourage others to go as well. [\[12\]](#)[\[13\]](#)[\[14\]](#)
- Review the ordinances passed by surrounding cities regarding catalytic converter thefts. [\[15\]](#)
- Consider implementing a common sense measure that allows the police department to criminally prosecute thieves in possession of a single detached catalytic converter without proof of valid ownership. [\[16\]](#)
- Explore additional tools and resources that can aid in identifying and holding these thieves accountable. [\[17\]](#)
- Partner with neighboring communities, such as Corona and Eastvale, to close the gap and collectively address the issue. [\[18\]](#)
- Assess the potential financial impact on residents and explore ways to mitigate the burden of catalytic converter repairs. [\[19\]](#)
- Investigate the allegations against city employee Phil Falcone regarding the misuse of his position for political gain. [\[20\]](#)[\[21\]](#)



- Determine if there are any violations of the municipal code and government code related to Falcone's actions. [\[22\]](#)
- Address the conflict of interest that arises from Mayor Locke Dawson's endorsement of Falcone. [\[23\]](#)[\[24\]](#)[\[25\]](#)
- Consider implementing serious consequences for employees who misuse their position for personal ambitions. [\[26\]](#)[\[27\]](#)
- Continue efforts to raise Alzheimer's awareness and educate the public about the disease. [\[28\]](#)[\[29\]](#)
- Confirm the details of the annual Thanksgiving turkey dinner at the next meeting. [\[30\]](#)
- Continue to address residents' concerns and activities at the park in the Sycamore Canyon neighborhood. [\[31\]](#)[\[32\]](#)
- Attend the Fall Harvest Festival at the UCRR Garden on October 28th. [\[33\]](#)[\[34\]](#)[\[35\]](#)
- Visit the Hindu Society of the Inland Empire on Saturday for a speaking engagement. [\[36\]](#)[\[37\]](#)
- Attend the family-friendly Halloween event at La Sierra Public Library. [\[38\]](#)[\[39\]](#)[\[40\]](#)
- Take a group picture with the council to recognize the model deaf community members who received certificates of recognition. [\[41\]](#)
- Ensure that the names of the model deaf community members are called out individually for the certificate presentation. [\[42\]](#)
- Collect the award on behalf of Michael Garza posthumously. [\[43\]](#)
- Thank and acknowledge the person who will be collecting the award on behalf of Michael Garza. [\[44\]](#)
- Thank Ian Barossa for his involvement or contribution. [\[45\]](#)
- Present a proclamation. [\[46\]](#)[\[47\]](#)
- Give a certificate to Darlene Warlords. [\[48\]](#)
- Consider clapping in sign language every week. [\[49\]](#)
- Present the proclamation recognizing November as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month to former Mayor Bailey. [\[50\]](#)
- Invite Darlene to come up and give a brief presentation. [\[51\]](#)
- Promote awareness of Alzheimer's disease and dementia.
- Explore and support breakthroughs in Alzheimer's research.
- Provide resources and support for family caregivers.
- Offer educational workshops and support groups for caregivers.
- Organize a virtual caregiver conference featuring Dr. Trent as the keynote speaker.
- Attend the seventh annual Riverside Purple boat float at Fairmont Park. [\[52\]](#)[\[53\]](#)[\[54\]](#)
- Support the Inland Dementia Care as it becomes a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. [\[55\]](#)[\[56\]](#)
- Apply for the Lincoln filter grant to receive funding for the dementia care resource center. [\[57\]](#)[\[58\]](#)
- Continue participating and speaking up at council meetings to bring about positive change in the community. [\[59\]](#)[\[60\]](#)[\[61\]](#)
- Await the next presentation of the Riverside Prosper Success report at a future council meeting. [\[62\]](#)[\[63\]](#)
- Open up public comment for item 23 and provide the public comment line number and instructions. [\[64\]](#)

- Council member Cervantes to continue speaking after public comment is completed. [\[65\]](#)[\[66\]](#)
- Request clarification on the meaning and details of the sentence regarding the support for the lease of an autonomous shuttle manufactured by Aio. [\[67\]](#)
- Continue working on an agreement to finalize terms for the possible funding of the Omeo autonomous shuttle. [\[68\]](#)[\[69\]](#)[\[70\]](#)
- Separate the vote for the purchase of heavy-duty zero emission vehicles from the vote on the autonomous shuttle to ensure clarity and transparency. [\[71\]](#)[\[72\]](#)[\[73\]](#)
- Draft a letter stating questions, concerns, and desires about the Riverside transmission reliability project. [\[74\]](#)[\[75\]](#)[\[76\]](#)
- Receive and file the update and continue working with stakeholders to secure funding for the project. [\[77\]](#)[\[78\]](#)[\[79\]](#)
- Consider the concerns raised by Steven Figueroa about the impact of increased rates on the poor and disabled. [\[80\]](#)[\[81\]](#)[\[82\]](#)
- Evaluate the support provided by Edison to non-profit organizations and community initiatives. [\[83\]](#)
- Address issues related to affordable housing and utilities in Riverside. [\[84\]](#)
- Take into account the approval and safety assessment of the project by CPUC. [\[85\]](#)
- Request audience cooperation by refraining from clapping during comments to ensure a smooth meeting process. [\[86\]](#)
- The council should move forward with the approved project without further delays. [\[87\]](#)[\[88\]](#)[\[89\]](#)
- Consider finding funding and time for underground installation. [\[90\]](#)[\[91\]](#)[\[92\]](#)
- Address the concerns raised by the Hispanic community and ensure equity for the Hispanic population. [\[93\]](#)[\[94\]](#)[\[95\]](#)
- Confirm the status of land acquisition and land transfer for the project. [\[96\]](#)[\[97\]](#)
- Explore collaboration opportunities with Recurrent Energy to potentially build a large-scale battery energy storage system connected to the substations. [\[98\]](#)[\[99\]](#)
- Move forward with the electric liability project without further delay. [\[100\]](#)[\[101\]](#)[\[102\]](#)
- Vote to approve and fully fund the RT RP project. [\[103\]](#)[\[104\]](#)[\[105\]](#)
- Secure funding from the federal government to underground the project within a few more months. [\[106\]](#)[\[107\]](#)[\[108\]](#)
- Consider the impact of the project on wildfire risk and prioritize the safety of residents. [\[109\]](#)[\[110\]](#)[\[111\]](#)
- Ensure that the city council investments support a future with more electrified buildings and electric vehicles. [\[112\]](#)[\[113\]](#)[\[114\]](#)
- Evaluate the increased fire risk in the vicinity of the Santa Ana river bed and assess the impact that the transmission towers may have on firefighting efforts. [\[115\]](#)
- Monitor and assess the ongoing residential development in Norco and its potential impact on wildland and urban interface. [\[116\]](#)
- Take into consideration the wildfire risk in Riverside County and the need for additional power resources to support the growing community. [\[117\]](#)[\[118\]](#)[\[119\]](#)
- Determine the feasibility and timeline for moving forward with the project, considering the urgency to meet the increasing demand for power and the potential consequences of further delays. [\[120\]](#)[\[121\]](#)[\[122\]](#)

- Consider the previous approval of the project by the California Public Utilities Commission and assess if any new conditions or changes warrant a reconsideration of the project's viability. [\[123\]](#)
- Review the letter submitted by Justin Scott co ward and his former board colleagues outlining the reasons for authorizing the project. [\[124\]](#)
- Assess the risks to public health, safety, and the city's economy if the project is further delayed. [\[125\]](#)
- Determine the potential consequences if the project is lost, including the impact on riverside's ratepayers and the need for costly alternatives. [\[126\]](#)
- Investigate possible sources of funding for the project, considering the limited availability of tax dollars. [\[127\]](#)
- Evaluate the benefits of building the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RT RP) in terms of providing reliable, sustainable, and affordable energy for the community. [\[128\]](#)
- Conduct a recent environmental impact report to assess the feasibility of underground electric lines. [\[129\]\[130\]\[131\]](#)
- Consider the perspectives of different neighborhoods and what they want regarding the underground project. [\[132\]\[133\]\[134\]](#)
- Evaluate the advancements in technology for underground electric lines. [\[135\]\[136\]\[137\]](#)
- Explore the potential benefits and drawbacks of underground electric lines. [\[138\]\[139\]](#)
- Continue to listen to and engage with community members on this topic.
- The city of Narco is requesting the Pu to modify its earlier decision and order additional environmental reviews, including a full underground option, to address the wildfire risks associated with the power line project. [\[140\]](#)
- The Pu should comply with the Attorney General's guidelines for addressing wildfire risk in the environmental impact reports (EIRs). [\[141\]](#)
- The Pu should consider the negative impact of the 180 ft tall towers on emergency response to wildfires, as confirmed by the Riverside County Fire Chief and the former Norco Fire Chief. [\[142\]](#)
- The Pu should require additional mitigation measures for wildfire risks in the project, beyond the existing training program for construction workers. [\[143\]](#)
- The completion of the project is not at risk, but modifications are needed to address the concerns raised by the city of Narco. [\[144\]](#)
- Consider the concerns raised by the caller regarding the negative impacts and risks associated with above-ground power lines. [\[145\]\[146\]](#)
- Assess the potential for underground power lines as a solution to address the concerns raised by residents. [\[147\]\[148\]](#)
- Engage with the Hispanic community to ensure their diverse perspectives are considered and represented in decision-making processes related to the power lines. [\[149\]](#)
- Conduct a thorough evaluation of the potential impacts on property values and health issues associated with living near above-ground power lines. [\[150\]\[151\]](#)
- Encourage council members, including Miss Placencia, to prioritize the interests of their constituents and vote in favor of undergrounding the power lines. [\[152\]\[153\]](#)
- Wait to see what happens with the city of Norco's petition for underground transmission lines. [\[154\]\[155\]\[156\]](#)

- Consider the potential liability of building above ground lines in an area prone to fires and strong winds. [\[157\]\[158\]\[159\]](#)
- Evaluate the reliability of having two connections to the grid versus the risk of both lines going down during an earthquake. [\[160\]\[161\]\[162\]](#)
- Monitor the progress of the EU C and PUC regarding the underground transmission lines. [\[163\]\[164\]\[165\]](#)
- If funding is available, proceed with undergrounding the transmission lines to align with the desires of the community. [\[166\]\[167\]\[168\]](#)

## **PART THREE OF MEETING**

- Vote to underground the project. [\[1\]\[2\]\[3\]](#)
- Provide citizens with a toolkit to secure funding for the underground utilities. [\[4\]\[5\]\[6\]](#)
- Consider the distinction between transmission line towers and distribution scale towers for wildfire concerns. [\[7\]](#)
- Be cognizant of the cost differential and potential additional costs to ratepayers for undergrounding the project. [\[8\]\[9\]\[10\]](#)
- Seek concrete evidence of funding for the underground utilities. [\[11\]\[12\]\[13\]](#)
- Consider the working group's proposal to establish a second interconnection to the energy grid underground instead of above ground. [\[14\]\[15\]\[16\]](#)
- Explore the potential risks and benefits of underground transmission lines in terms of property values, economic development, and environmental impact. [\[17\]\[18\]](#)
- Advocate for government support and funding to underground the transmission lines. [\[19\]\[20\]\[21\]](#)
- Engage representatives at the local, state, and federal levels to prioritize the interests of Riverside and its residents. [\[22\]\[23\]](#)
- Seek community support for the working group's recommendation and build consensus around the need to underground the transmission lines. [\[24\]\[25\]\[26\]](#)
- Ensure that the funds are properly secured. [\[27\]](#)
- Complete the necessary paperwork by reviewing and finalizing all details.
- Explore the possibility of using GFT tax to assist with payments. [\[28\]](#)
- Assess the impact on home values and develop a plan to address potential decreases. [\[29\]](#)
- Verify the accuracy of the statement regarding ratepayers paying more. [\[30\]](#)
- Review and consider the draft letter to the CPUC expressing concerns and desires for the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project. [\[31\]\[32\]\[33\]](#)
- Continue to pursue potential funding options for undergrounding the transmission lines. [\[34\]\[35\]\[36\]](#)
- Await the outcome of the petition for modification sent by the City of Norco, which may affect the project timeline. [\[37\]\[38\]\[39\]](#)
- Monitor developments and analysis that may support alternative options, such as fully undergrounding the project in the river bottom area. [\[40\]\[41\]](#)
- Seek confirmation of funding availability from federal sources, including Senator Padilla's bill and the inflation reduction act. [\[42\]\[43\]](#)
- Submit a letter to the CPUC asking them to consider the request for undergrounding the project. [\[44\]\[45\]\[46\]](#)
- Wait for the CPUC to make a decision on Norco's petition for modification. [\[47\]\[48\]\[49\]](#)

- Revise recommendation number two regarding the funding sources if modifications are approved. [\[50\]](#)[\[51\]](#)[\[52\]](#)
- Seek more information on the bipartisan Infrastructure Law and its implications for the project. [\[53\]](#)[\[54\]](#)[\[55\]](#)
- Clarify the status and results of the city's concept paper submission for the Grid Innovation Program. [\[56\]](#)[\[57\]](#)
- Determine the agency that is requesting the grant for the RT RP project (city of Riverside or Southern California Edison). [\[58\]](#)
- Assess the potential for transferring funding to a private entity like Southern California Edison, if they were to apply for it themselves. [\[59\]](#)[\[60\]](#)[\[61\]](#)
- Monitor the ongoing process in Congress to determine if the RT RP funding request through the earmark makes it or not. [\[62\]](#)
- Explore capacity options and determine the utility's current and future capacity to supply electricity for new growth despite delays in the project. [\[63\]](#)[\[64\]](#)
- Evaluate the return on investment and leverage funding to assess the benefits of the project for Riverside. [\[65\]](#)[\[66\]](#)
- Conduct outreach to the city of Harpa Valley to assess potential issues or consequences related to the project. [\[67\]](#)[\[68\]](#)[\[69\]](#)
- Obtain clarification from Southern California Edison (SCE) or Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) regarding the acquisition process and timeline for the project. [\[70\]](#)[\[71\]](#)[\[72\]](#)
- Inquire with Senator Padilla and congressional members, as well as the Appropriations Committee, to explore feasibility for funding the project. [\[73\]](#)[\[74\]](#)[\[75\]](#)
- Gather specific information on the number of properties that need to be acquired, the timeline for acquisition, and the process involved. [\[76\]](#)[\[77\]](#)[\[78\]](#)
- Consider the impact of climate change, potential delays due to property owners not wanting to sell, and the need to prioritize community engagement and input throughout the project. [\[79\]](#)[\[80\]](#)[\[81\]](#)
- Seek legal perspective from the city attorney's office on the potential legal ramifications if the council decides to move in a different direction. [\[82\]](#)
- Clarify any concerns about the interconnection Facilities agreement and the allocation of costs with Southern California Edison. [\[83\]](#)
- Continue moving forward with the project as planned to avoid any potential issues raised by cancelling the project. [\[84\]](#)
- Monitor the council's actions and decisions regarding the project closely. [\[85\]](#)
- Receive and file the report. [\[86\]](#)
- Revisit the next steps of the working group if modifications are approved by the CPUC. [\[87\]](#)[\[88\]](#)[\[89\]](#)
- Send forward the drafted letter stating questions, concerns, and desires with the project moving forward. [\[90\]](#)[\[91\]](#)[\[92\]](#)