



City of Independence

Minutes

City Budget Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

CALL TO ORDER. The meeting was continued from the City Budget Meeting held on April 30, 2025. The meeting was reconvened at 6:30 pm by Chair Garrison. Chair Garrison asked for any potential or actual conflicts of interest to be declared. BCM Christensen declared a potential conflict of interest as his wife works for the Museum.

ROLL CALL

Budget Committee Members (BCM)

City Council

Kate Schwarzler
Shannon Corr
Bill Boisvert
Evan Sorce
Marilyn Morton
Dawn Roden
Kathy Martin-Willis

Resident Members

Bradley Karkanen
Nathan Christensen
Chair Miranda Garrison
Jessica Porter
Alex Paraskevas
Erin Seiler
Dana Sharman

Staff present:

Kenna West, Myra Russell, Rob Moody, Gerald Fisher, Shawn Irvine, Amanda Christensen, Amy Christensen, Jason Kistler, Juventino Banuelos, Patrick Bodily, Fred Evander, Emmanuel Goicochea

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ginger Melton, Independence Hotel. Had questions about moving Indy Days to private event and encouraged the city to look at alternatives
- Vickie McCubbin, airpark, encouraged support for Museum and library.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Continued budget presentations for the General Fund and other funds.

- Economic Development loan fund-Irvine
 - BCM Roden moved to move \$841,784 to General Fund contingency and withholding \$60,000 for economic development for recruiting purposes. Second by BCM Corr. Discussion. BCM Morton called for question. Roll Call vote was unanimous aye by all present.
- Tourism & Events-Irvine Discussion of future Independence Days events with downtown manager position not planned to backfill when current downtown manager leaves in the fall.
- 10 minute recess from 8:15 – 8:25
- Further discussion about the future of Independence Days.
 - BCM Roden moved to move \$100,000 from general fund contingency to fund Independence Days for 2026. Second by BCM

Sharman. Discussion including forming an ad hoc board to consider how to proceed or using seed money from economic development loan fund. BCM Roden called for the question, seconded by BCM Christensen. Roll call vote. Unanimous aye vote by all present to stop discussion and vote on motion. Roll call vote on motion to move funds from general fund contingency to Independence Days. BCM Roden and Sharman voted aye, all others voted nay. Motion does not pass.

- BCM Morton moved to move \$40,000 from the economic loan fund to tourism and events fund for fireworks. Second by BCM Sorce. Discussion that fund could be a potential loan and wouldn't need to be moved so no motion would be needed. BCM Morton withdraws motion
 - BCM Roden moved to transfer \$45,000 from the Economic Development Fund into the Independence Days fund. Motion died for lack of second.
- Grants-Moody
 - Debt service funds-Moody
 - Special Assessments fund-Moody
 - Urban Renewal funds-Moody

HEARINGS. Continued

ADJOURN / RECESS

BCM Schwarzler moved to recess the meeting, to reconvene on May 14th at 6:30 pm; BCM Paraskevas seconded. Motion passed with all present voting aye; none opposed.

Meeting recessed at 9:06 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Myra Russell, City Recorder