

CITY OF REDLANDS
MEASURE T CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Special Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2023 4:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room, Citrus Center, 300 East State Street, Redlands, California

Present: **Committee Members**

Edward Millican
Scott Welsh
Brooke Doolittle
Reggie Brown

Staff

Danielle Garcia
James Garland

Absent/Excused: Toni Momberger, Ruth Cook, and Edward Ico

1. ATTENDANCE & CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM. Staff thanked and welcomed everyone for attending.

2. SELECTION OF OFFICERS

In advance of the call for nominations for positions, Director Garcia went over the key responsibilities of the committee members and each specific officer listed below.

- A. It was moved and seconded to appoint Toni Momberger to her second term as Chairperson. The motion was approved by all members present.
- B. It was moved and seconded to appoint Scott Welsh as Vicechair. The motion was approved by all members present.
- C. It was moved and seconded to appoint Ruth Cook to her second term as Secretary. The motion was approved by all members present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public were present but had no comments.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the March 1, 2023 Special Meeting minutes was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of the City Manager's Proposed Budget – Measure T for Fiscal Year 2023-24 (Management Services Director Garcia)

Director Garcia provided an overview of the new fiscal year's spending plans as well as a review of economic conditions leading up to the current fiscal forecast. Revenue

performance had been higher than anticipated in Fiscal Year 2023, negotiations with the City's 9 bargaining units had been completed, and an increase in homelessness solution efforts was among the highlights of the past fiscal year. Revenue assumptions for Fiscal year 2024 included steady sales tax revenue with less significant growth due to a cooling of the national economy. Property taxes are expected to grow due to new construction and higher consumer price indexes. Three main areas of investment of Measure T funds for Fiscal Year 2024 include: restored staffing in the Police, Fire, Library, and Facilities & Community Services departments; public safety equipment and vehicle purchases, capital improvements, and service level enhancements like expanding Movies in the Park events.

On this item, Mr. Bell presented public comment on the A. K. Smiley Library's boiler replacement project and whether the source of funds had been Measure T. Later, during the meeting, staff were able to confirm for Mr. Bell that the source of funds for this project was indeed Measure T revenue.

B. Discussion and Possible Action relating to a recommendation to the City Council regarding the City Manager's Proposed Budget – Measure T for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Director Garcia explained to the members of the Committee that once the fiscal year budget report is presented, the Committee will then provide a recommendation to City Council when the next budget update is considered. The next budget update is scheduled for the City Council meeting on November 7th. Vice Chair Welsh indicated that he would ask Chair Momberger to provide that recommendation to Council during its November 7th meeting.

C. Discussion and Possible Action relating to future meetings (Management Services Director Garcia)

The Committee discussed establishing a regular meeting schedule for its members as requested at the last meeting. Committee Member Brown asked staff if there was a preferred schedule or a way to set a regular schedule. Director Garcia stated that due to the nature and timing of Council meetings, financial reporting, and revenue forecast, it is not possible to define a set meeting schedule with any precision. The Committee tends to meet more frequently in February and March, to review spending for the prior year, as well as in May and June to review the upcoming fiscal year budget plans. The Committee agreed to this format.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 PM.