CITY OF REDLANDS MEASURE T CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Special Meeting Minutes March 1, 2023, 4:00 PM

MUED Conference Room, Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street, Redlands, California

Danielle Garcia

Present: Committee Members Staff

Toni Momberger, Chairperson

Ruth Cook, Secretary

Mike Foster

Joseph Valdivia

Absent/Excused: Shelli Stockton and Edward Ico

A. ATTENDANCE & CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bell was present but had no comments.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 15, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes were approved.

D. NEW BUSINESS

 a. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt the FY 2021-22 Annual Report on Measure T Spending with Discussion on presenting the item to the City Council (Management Services Director Garcia)

Director Garcia indicated that the report had been edited slightly for clarifications and with meeting summaries. Chairwoman Momberger indicated she had sent several questions to Director Garcia concerning the report and an answer document was provided with answers. The questions and specific answers were reviewed by the committee. The difference between police and fire staffing restoration was explained. The police department had more positions restored because there were fewer positions cut in the fire department because of contractual obligations.

Public comments on this item were made by Dennis Bell who indicated a concern with the mixing of Measure T money with the General Fund.

Chairwoman Momberger commented on the transition to a two-year strategic budget and asked if there was a presentation of the budget for the current year. Ruth Cook asked about setting a standard calendar for Measure T meetings. Director Garcia indicated it would be put on the next agenda. The committee discussed the funds being used to buy the new Redlands City Hall and what portion would be used for fire and a potential downtown police station. There was also discussion about reserves being set aside for the future Safety Hall. A motion was made by Joseph Valdivia to approve the report and it was seconded by Mike Foster. All approved.

b. Discussion and Possible Action on a Public Statement on Measure T Spending for Fiscal Year 2022.

Director Garcia asked if a public statement from the committee could be made at the upcoming March 21, 2023 Redlands City Council meeting. Momberger indicated she could be there and shared an endorsement for presentation to the council. There was further discussion on the Measure T funds going into the General Fund. Director Garcia explained that Measure T is a general tax so with typical accounting practices it goes into the general fund, but it has its own code so the amount of revenue received and expended is tracked. A motion to approve the articulated endorsement of Measure T spending was made by Ruth Cook and Seconded by Joseph Valdivia. All approved.

c. Discuss the Next Meeting Date (Management Services Director Garcia)

The next meeting date will be set pending the upcoming proposed budget and will be communicated to the committee.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting is adjourned at 4:56 PM