

CITY OF REDLANDS
MEASURE T CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Special Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2024

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

Present:

Committee Members

Toni Momberger, Chairperson
Scott Welsh, Vice Chairperson
Ruth Cook, Secretary
Brooke Doolittle
Edward Millican
Reggie Brown

Staff

Danielle Garcia
James Garland
Valerie Abrego

Absent/Excused: Edward Ico

A. ATTENDANCE & CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 PM. Chairperson Momberger thanked and welcomed everyone for attending.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 5, 2024 Special Meeting minutes were approved. Motion was made by Edward Millican and seconded by Reggie Brown.

D. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt the FY 2023 Annual Report on Measure T Spending with Discussion on presenting the item to the City Council (Management Services Director Garcia)**

The committee discussed their approval of the 2023 Annual Report on Measure T Spending with the addition of Edward Millican's name and a correction to Brooke Doolittle's name. They also committed to presenting it to the city council and Chairperson Momberger agreed to do this. A short summary will be added to the report that states the committee met, reviewed the report and agreed with it. Additionally, the committee also requests to be kept informed if there are any major deviations from the budget spending categories in the future.

A motion to approve the report and summary statement was made by Commissioner Ruth Cook and a second was made by Vice Chairperson Scott Welsh. All approved.

b. Discussion and Possible Action on a Public Statement on Measure T Spending for Fiscal Year 2023 (Management Services Director Garcia)

Chairperson Momberger distributed a draft of the summary of the committee's findings on the 2023 Measure T Spending Report that will be presented to the city council at an upcoming meeting. Before beginning the review, several questions were raised as to how money spent didn't necessarily line up with the proposed budget plan for the year. For example, the improvements made to the animal shelter were not specifically described in the budget but did fall under improvements to the animal facility.

Director Garcia explained and clarified that a budget plan for spending was created for two years but budgets need to be flexible because of a variety of factors often out of the control of the city. The committee was reviewing the actual audit of money spent and reconciling it to the budget plan and verifying that the intent of the budget was realized in the money spent. She also explained that the city is in the second year of a two-year budget cycle.

Chairperson Momberger also questioned the amount of money in the budget plan for Project Homekey Grant Match and the lesser amount in the fiscal audit. Director Garcia explained that a full-time position is part of the project, and it was budgeted in both the grant and the general fund to ensure that it was funded. It ended up being covered in the grant and not taken out of general fund so it is a lower amount in the audit. Additionally, a portion of the \$700,000 budgeted money will be funding a wide range of social services related to the homeless issue and because the city did not have the contracts in place for the year, a lesser amount was spent.

Another question involved the number of positions restored in the police, fire and other departments. It was clarified that these are ongoing expenses and some positions have not been restored because they have changed or are not needed. Chairperson Momberger explained she would like us to be able to say how many positions we have restored or added for this budget cycle. It is difficult to be exact on the number of positions restored or added because it included positions from the last cycle too. The committee decided on 58 positions that have been funded with Measure T funding. This includes 39 positions in the police and fire departments.

The committee discussed highlighting that the initial projection of Measure T money was approximately 10 million annually, but it has been closer to 20 million due to the Amazon facility. This money is being used to drive major infrastructural city improvements and quality of life issues.

Scott Welsh, Vice Chairperson, continued the discussion on the summary for the council by indicating he felt that the narrative fit the design of the committee in that the committee's purpose is to recommend expenditures and pay attention to the categories of spending. He felt that the budget categories fit the intent of Measure T.

The committee discussed the statement in the summary that if the committee couldn't give input on an expenditure, that the money would be defaulted into the facilities reserve. This was related to Commissioner Ed Millican's comments on street improvements being funded with Measure T monies not set aside in the budget. Director Garcia explained some logistical considerations around this issue. She said that operational shifts have to be made at various points in the year. Budgets and projects need to be flexible because there are always delays in materials and bids which results in projects approved in earlier years happen in subsequent years. Commissioner Millican reiterated that the committee just would like to be in the loop of projects being exchanged or shifted if they don't fall within the approved categories. Additionally, if there is a major deviation in fiscal expenditures, then the committee can be informed for input.

Chairperson Momberger will read the summary at the April 16, 2024 Redlands City Council meeting and submit it to all local news outlets.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brooke Doolittle and seconded by Vice Chairperson Scott Welsh to approve and accept the edited draft statement.
All approved.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting is adjourned at 3:28 PM