

CITY OF REDLANDS
MEASURE T CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 5:00 PM

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

Present:

Committee Members

Chairwoman Momberger
Vice Chair Scott Welsh
Secretary Ruth Cook
Edward Millican
Reggie Brown
Edwards Ico

Staff

Danielle Garcia
James Garland
Valerie Abrego

Absent/Excused: Brooke Doolittle

1. ATTENDANCE & CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was reached with the following committee members present at the time of roll call: Chairman Momberger, Vice Chair Welsh, Edward Millican, Edward Ico and Reggie Brown. The meeting was called to order at 5:08 PM. Staff and the Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Secretary Cook joined the meeting later, after the majority of the new business items were already discussed by the Committee.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Public comments were presented in person.

There being one member of the public present during the meeting, Mr. Dennis Bell commented on the timing of the upcoming budget for FY 2025 & 2026. He observed that the FY 2025 & 2026 Biennial Budget is due to be released on May 17, 2024, a mere 3 days before the same budget is presented to City Council during a special budget workshop on May 20. Staff explained that the presentation to Council was intended to be an overview of the document followed by presentations from each department. This process has aided past Councils in their review of the budget document. Following this meeting, the Council and public will have 2 full weeks to review the document before there is any possible action taken on it by Council during its June 4th meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the October 10, 2023 Special Meeting minutes, noting one correction to distinguish Committee Member Welsh as Vice Chair at the top of the page, was moved by Edward Millican and seconded by Vice Chair Welsh.

4. 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 City Council (Management Services Director Garcia)

To begin this discussion, Chair Momberger provided a thorough overview of the annual reporting process, what the Committee accomplished in the prior year, including the publishing of an editorial in the local newspaper of the opinion of the Committee. As well, the Chair also went over the role of the Committee in terms of the budget planning process and rendering an opinion on the upcoming budget for Measure T spending. Other Committee members asked questions to learn more about the process.

Director Garcia presented a review of the roles and responsibilities of committee members, a review of the City's budget for Measure T for Fiscal Year 2023. Major areas of spending included: ongoing costs of additional staffing previously funded by measure T, ongoing costs from service level enhancements, one-time service level enhancements, capital improvements and addition to reserves. Next, a review of noteworthy projects with before & after pictures was provided. Lastly, the upcoming biennial budget schedule was presented. Notable milestones include: May 17 – the first distribution of the proposed biennial budget, May 20 – the special Council budget workshop, May 22 – the Measure T Oversight Committee budget presentation, June 4 – the City Council meeting wherein the Council will first consider its approval, and June 18, the second Council meeting for possible budget adoption.

Several committee members had comments and questions at the end of the presentation. Points were raised about the rehiring of public safety and if staffing levels were at or above pre-pandemic and pre-great recession rates. The conversation also steered towards "what would a world without Measure T look like" to put the report into perspective. There was a question on one Measure T expense as it related to the CA State Infrastructure Grant match for the Library improvements. There was also some public comment made on this topic. Chair Momberger asked if administrative costs related to the grant are covered by the City's match. Staff will bring the answer back to the Committee at its next meeting. Other discussion involved corrections needed on page 4 of the report.

This item wrapped up with an agreement that the committee members will continue their review, send staff any corrections they are requesting, that the Committee will meet 1 to 2 more times to finalize the report before the April 16th City Council meeting such that it may be presented to Council at that time.

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

The Committee discussed the timing of its planned report to City Council. The Annual Measure T Spending Report for FY 2023 is scheduled to be presented to City Council at its regular meeting of April 16th. In order to make that timeline, the committee members agreed to hold the next Measure T Oversight Committee meeting on April 5th at 11:00 am.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair again thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm. The next special meeting of the Measure T Oversight Committee is scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2024 at 11:00 am.