



**Measure L Advisory Committee**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor City Council Conference Room Area ‘B’**  
**Tuesday, August 27, 2012**

**MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

George ‘Andy’ Anderson, Lance ‘Scott’ Garver,  
Michael Petersen, Phil Salvatore, Eddie Thomas

**Regular Meeting – 5:30 p.m.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

5:36 PM

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Eddie Thomas; Michael Petersen; George ‘Andy’ Anderson; Lance ‘Scott’ Garver; Phil Salvatore

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Chief of Police R. Strand

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion To Approve Agenda Was Made By Mr. Salvatore, Second By Mr. Garver.  
Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 No; 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes for Measure L Meeting on August 7, 2012**

*Motion To Approve Minutes for August 7, 2012 Was Made By Mr. Anderson, Second By Mr. Salvatore*

*Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 4 Ayes; 0 No; 1 Abstain, And 0 Absent*

(Mr. Garver stated that he voted “present” because he did not review the minutes)

**Minutes for Measure L Meeting on August 14, 2012**

*Motion To Approve Minutes for August 14, 2012 Was Made By Mr. Garver, Second By Mr. Anderson*

*Motion Carried By Roll Call Vote Of 5 Ayes; 0 No; 0 Abstain, And 0 Absent*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA**

No public comment

## **DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Letter Presented By M. Neel**

Mr. Thomas

- Asked for someone to volunteer to collect public comments on Mr. M. Neel’s letter

Mr. Garver

- Asked if the letter was “ours”

Mr. Thomas

- It isn’t, but appears to have some useful information

Mr. Anderson

- Commented that Parks and rec funding is no longer Measure L, but is still in the budget

Mr. Thomas

- Asked Mr. Garver to volunteer to collect public comments on the letter, with Mr. Anderson to assist, both agreed

Mr. Anderson

- Commented that the source of this funding is unknown, but would take a line-by-line review of the Budget

Mr. Thomas

- Commented “We have a good set of people on this.”

### **2. Overview Of City Budget And Context Of Measure L Usage**

No city staff present to brief budget

Mr. Salvatore

- Commented that he is going through the budget to find overall trends

Mr. Anderson

- Commented that grants may be harder to track

Mr. Garver

- Asked Police Chief R. Strand about how DUI funds are used

Police Chief R. Strand

- Commented that prior to Measure L, he was planning to reduce staffing and lay off one officer and a records clerk; whereas after Measure L, his staff increased by two (2) officers to 33 sworn

Mr. Salvatore

- Asked about the budget history of the department

Police Chief R. Strand

- Commented that spending had decreased, from 38 sworn down to 31 before Measure L
  - Lost dispatcher
  - No emergency services account
- Commented that road projects will have funding from TAB and Measure L

Mr. Clark

- TAB and Measure L funding will both be applied to road works

Mr. Salvatore

- That’s the future, I want to track the history right now

Police Chief R. Strand

- Suggested that Mr. Salvatore was looking for evidence of supplanting funds

Mr. Thomas

- Commented that the Measure L committee needs more information. Asked if Mr. Staley should be asked to give a presentation.

Mr. Anderson

- Suggested requesting information from the past 5 years to average out the funding

Mr. Salvatore

- Commented that the projects should have identified increases from RPD, Measure L, and TAB

Police Chief R. Strand

- Suggested contacting Mr. Staley
- Mentioned that the year-end numbers were online

Mr. Rajitora

- Commented that administration overhead numbers have been consolidated and are no longer easily separated
- Commented that he attended a City Org committee meeting, during which the process was described, the process was is not simple

- Mentioned internal service funds (ISF) as an example
- Commented that general government (GG) funds are restricted to overhead

Police Chief R. Strand

- Commented that he has asked Ty to create a separate Measure L project code, which would show where the funding is going

Mr. Anderson

- Commented that the committee needs to follow the color of the money

Mr. Rajtora

- Commented that the Measure L funding should be additive

Mr. Salvatore

- Commented that knowledge of the baseline budget is necessary to know if the funding is additive

Mr. Garver

- Commented that this was mentioned after Measure L passed: Funding for a department should be  $X+L$ , where  $X$  is the original funding pre-Measure L and where  $L$  is the Measure L funding

Mr. Thomas

- Requested that Mr. Salvatore ask for a brief from city staff regarding Measure L spending

Mr. Anderson

- Commented that \$140k of Measure L reserve funds have been removed for the police staff cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase of 4% for sworn and 6% for unsworn officers

Mr. Salvatore

- Expressed concern that the reserve will be chipped away

Mr. Anderson

- Asked Police Chief F. Strand if the police budget was now set

Police Chief R. Strand

- Responded that the police budget is now set

Mr. Rajtora

- Commented that there is no other reserve other than the Measure L

Mr. Anderson

- Remarked “We should stop taking out of the reserve until we know how much tax money there is”

### **3. Collection of Public Comment(s) Volunteer**

No additional comment

Mr. Petersen

- Asked about the location of year-end numbers

Mr Rajitora

- Commented that the past year-end numbers were included in each budget as part of the summary, though since the budget is crafted prior to the end of the fiscal year, the year-end numbers for the previous year are a projection. For example, FY12 budget includes a projection of the final portion of FY11.
- Commented that there was an increase of overhead funds of \$240k coming from wastewater funds, only for general government; assumption of contract
- Commented that another \$65k from rental property, perhaps from the waste water plant? Contract is in work.

### **ADVISORY MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Garver

- No comments beyond what I’ve already said tonight

Mr. Petersen

- Suggested that a committee member brief Committee proceedings at the City Council Meetings
- Commented that he is starting to go through the FY11 and FY12 budgets to gain familiarity

Mr. Salvatore

- Suggested a duty section to ensure that a Measure L representative was present at the City Council, and asked who would be available to join the rotation?

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Garver, Mr. Petersen, and Mr. Salvatore all indicated that they would be available to attend city council meetings to represent the Measure L committee.

Mr. Anderson

- Suggested that a formal quarterly report from the Measure L committee be made available to the public through the newspapers
- Asked about putting meeting frequency on the agenda

Thomason

- Commented that meeting frequency would be on next week’s agenda

- No comments beyond what I’ve already said tonight
- Confirmed with committee members that the next meeting will be Sept 10 @ 5:30PM

### **SUPPORT STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Clark

- Asked the committee to think about what they consider a measure of success for the committee

Mr. Garver

- Commented that that is hard to pin down

General discussion regarding possible measures.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

6:44 PM