



## Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee

1<sup>st</sup> Floor City Council Conference Room Area 'B'

Monday July 22, 2013

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

### APPROVED MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 5:34

### ROLL CALL

Members Present: Phil Salvatore, Eddie Thomas, Andy Anderson, Lance 'Scott' Garver

Staff Members Present: Ron Strand, Karen Harker, Rachelle McQuiston, Tess Sloan

Members Absent: Michael Petersen, Dennis Speer

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Chairman Thomas asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Anderson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Salvatore. The agenda was then approved as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Chairman Thomas asked for a motion to approve the Minutes from July 8, 2013. Motion was made by Mr. Salvatore and seconded by Mr. Anderson. The minutes were then approved as submitted.

### PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

**No Public Comment**

### DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- 1. 13/14 budget compilation- Overhead projector** – Phil Salvatore was unable to get to his gmail and so he was unable to present the 13/14 budget compilation. We do not have final numbers for the projection for budget of FY 13. It was stated by Tess Sloan that those numbers would not be available until September of 2013. Police has a Payroll for deduction for FY 14. Ms McQuiston stated that the payroll will show a deduction because the officers will be paying for their portion of their benefits. We don't know the amount for the Gas Tax as of yet. Mr. Salvatore went on to discuss how he was getting his numbers with the Police budget and the Street Lighting. Ms. Sloan indicated that the Street Lighting is not in the Police Budget but comes from the Public Works budget. Mr. Salvatore discussed the difference of Street Construction and the Street Maintenance fund.

The committee discussed how the two funds worked. Ms. McQuiston was not sure if the Street Construction fund was where the Measure L fund was appropriated for the fiscal year. Ms. McQuiston stated that she would need to discuss with Mr. Speer the distribution and the difference between the two funds. Ms. Sloan discussed the health line item in the budget. Mr. Salvatore indicated that he needed to get the revenue for FY13. Ms. Sloan stated that what is showing now is just up to May receipts and that it will be in September that she has all the numbers for FY 13.

**Public Comment:**

2. **Finance Director** – Rachelle McQuiston and Tess Sloan reported and gave a handout of the projections to the committee along with the revenues and expenditures of the Measure L Fund. This includes the May sales tax advance. Shared with the members the \$319,860 was unallocated and Ms. McQuiston thought that it should go to the Streets Department. We have projected revenue of \$1,454,860 for FY 13. Can we transfer to a Measure L Reserve? Recommendation is to go into Streets but will go into a separate fund and can roll into. Strand explained how the Measure L reserve fund line item worked. Scott Garver asked if this was based on 9 months of revenue and yes it is. Committee was concerned that it goes into a Measure L reserve fund and that it doesn't go into the General Fund. Ms. McQuiston assured the committee that it will not be going into the General Fund. Mr. Salvatore is concerned that Public Safety is only getting 10% or \$155,000 and in the past received 1.3 million of police budget for ISF. Ms. McQuiston indicated that we have gotten rid of the ISF for the General Fund accounts and that the Police Department is only being charged for Fleet Maintenance. Discussed the funds that were feeding into gas tax and what they were. There were three major funds that were being used now and that was the majority of the Gas Tax Funds. The Gas Tax Funds are not what we used to see in the past. Mr. Garver asked if The Board of Equalization Fee is a onetime fee for setting up the account. Ms. Sloan indicated that it was. The committee discussed the \$426,000K in the Street Construction Account. Ms. Sloan indicated that Council took action in December to borrow from Wastewater to cover a claim that had not been received from TDA. What will show in the FY 13 is a payback to the wastewater fund along with the claim being paid. This could be the reason for the \$426,000.

**Eddie Thomas left the meeting at 6:16 pm**

3. **Quarterly Reports** - no report
4. **Possible New Appointees** - Both Scott Garver and Andy Anderson had applied for their positions and were appointed to the Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee by the Ridgecrest City Council on July 17, 2013 for a 4 year term each.

## **CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

**Mr. Garver** – No comment

**Mr. Anderson** – Good to see Chief Strand and thanked Ms. McQuiston for Coming

**Mr. Salvatore** –I feel that the City Council has not done an adequate job educating the public about the sewer increase fee. Mr. Salvatore is grateful for the help from staff.

## **SUPPORT STAFF COMMENTS**

Karen Harker received a message from Su-long Tran of KFRJ 91.1 with a request that someone from the Measure L Committee call and give an interview. Scott Garver will be contacting her so that she can get the interview.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Budget Compilations  
Quarterly Report**

**NEXT MEETING: Meeting August 12, 2013**

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting was adjourned at 6:33