



Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee

1st Floor City Council Conference Room Area 'B'

Monday March 30, 2015

Approved Minutes

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

L. Scott Garver, George 'Andy' Anderson,
Robert Gould, Ted Ribultan, Michael Petersen

Special Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:32

ROLL CALL: Present: S. Garver, T. Ribultan, M. Petersen
Absent: A. Anderson, R. Gould,
Staff: Chief Strand, D. Speer
Recording Secretary: K. Harker

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Motion To Approve the Agenda Was Made By Mr. Petersen, Seconded by Mr. Ribultan. Motion Carried By Voice Vote of 3 Aye (Garver, Petersen, Ribultan) 0 Nays, 2 Absent (Anderson, Gould), 0 Abstain*

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment Opened at 5:36

Public Comment Closed at 5:37

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- Review and Approve Final Annual Report Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Mr. Petersen thought that it would be good to go through the Draft Report that was sent out on Thursday, March 27, 2015 for review. Each member can discuss their concerns or comments.

In the first statement "The Police Department expended Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Measure L funds predominantly towards salaries for 13 employees, increasing the number of officers to 32 from 31" would be removed and "The Police Department expended Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Measure L funds predominantly towards salaries for 13 employees, increasing the number of officers to 32 from 31 [3]" would be put in its place.

"Measure L also partly funded the reported 1.8 miles of street resurfacing completed during Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (page 153 of Reference [3])" would be stricken and "Measure L also

partly funded the reported 1.8 miles of street resurfacing completed during Fiscal Year 2013-2014 [3]" would be put in its place.

Note	2012-2013 (Actual)	2013-2014 (Actual)	2014-2015 (Budgeted)
Measure L Income	\$ 1,499,559.73	\$ 2,510,692.00	\$ 2,500,000.00
Public Safety Expenditures	\$ 809,423.00	\$ 1,347,490.00	\$ 1,277,257.00
Public Works Expenditures	\$ 357,994.00	\$ 1,079,647.00	\$ 1,337,725.00
BOE Implementation (One-time Expense)	\$ 15,384.00	\$ -	\$ -
General Fund Carry-over to next Fiscal Year	\$ 76,557.73	\$ 400,313.73	\$ 82,694.73
Public Works Street Maintenance Fund Carry-Over	\$ 240,201.00	\$ -	\$ 87,725.00
Public Works Street Construction Fund Carry-Over	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114,912.00

The Committee decided to remove the above table and replace with the table below and add the language that follows

	Fiscal Year	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
		Actual	Actual	Budget
Measure L income		\$ 1,499,559	\$ 2,510,692	\$ 2,500,000
Prior year Measure L carryover		\$ -	\$ 316,758	\$ 400,313
Public Safety Expenditure		\$ 809,423	\$ 1,347,490	\$ 1,277,257
Public Works Expenditure		\$ 357,994	\$ 1,079,647	\$ 520,362
Measure L accounting implementation		\$ 15,384		
Balance (Measure L carryover)		\$ 316,758	\$ 400,313	\$ 1,102,694

* un- allocated street funds as 2/9/15

Committee Comment regarding Chart above.

The Committee wants to be able to update the information with substantiated information from the Finance Department with a date and an adjusted budget in the table that will show to truest information. The Resolution 14-02 states that the reports show a budget for preceding year. The Committee discussed if the last column was a budget or if it was just showing a number that was being carried over at the time the report was released. Mr. Petersen felt that formatting the table to show income, expenditures and balances with lines will help the reader understand the numbers.

Critical Findings:

Measure L funds were allocated entirely to Public Safety and Public Works in Fiscal Year 2013-2014. **Whether these funds were used to "back-fill" other Departments was not investigated for this report.**

Annual spending on streets maintenance is less than the city's annual required resources of \$1.5M to sustain the city streets.

Recommendations:

Based on the estimate of sustainable funding required to maintain overall city street conditions and mitigate further city street quality deterioration, City Council should consider an increase in funding of overall Street Maintenance and Construction to the meet the \$1.5M estimate for street sustainment.

~~Evaluate whether a greater share of the Measure L Funding can be applied to Street Maintenance to meet the 1.5 million~~

Determine whether the fiscal year carry-over funding can be minimized or expended.

~~Encourage Department Heads to continue tracking Measure L expenditures to help identify how the funds are expended.~~

Discussion of the Recommendations

A statement needs to be put in this area regarding “backfilling”. This was a topic discussed heavily in the previous Annual Report and should reflect somewhere in this report that it has not been forgotten. Two or three sentences to address the fact that it was not analyzed in this report but is still on the minds of the Committee. Went on to discuss how the budget is done each year and that the City should do two separate budgets, one with Measure L Funds and one without Measure L Funds. This would show where the funds are being spent and how much is really being funded by Measure L so that when it is time to go and put forth a new initiative the Committee or the City can say “We need “x” amount of funds for 12 police officers”.

The Measure L Funding was not to maintain but to augment City services.

City Staff Acknowledgement:

The City Manager and Chief of Police reviewed this Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee report recommendations and they did not take issue to consider increasing Street Maintenance annual expenditure to \$1.5M minimally, increasing the annual allocation percentage of Measure L funding to Street Maintenance, or minimizing the carry over funding levels. The City Manager and Chief of Police did not “take issue” with the recommendations made by the Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee in this report.

The Public Works Director and Chief of Police understand the Council’s intent to maintain Public Safety and use any remaining Measure L funds to achieve the \$1.5M sustainability goal for Public Works.

Mr. Garver would like to do delete the paragraph. Mr. Ribultan would like just like to gauge the Chief and the City Managers reaction to the recommendations. The Chief and Public Works Director are not approving officials for our document. This does not add value to our report.

Mr. Speer wanted the Committee to know that Staff is here to assist you with information but not to help you write the report

Chair Garver wants to make sure that lines are not blurred with perceived influence from the Chief or Mr. Speer. I realize that Mr. Speer is here as the Public Works Director and not the City Manager. We want to make sure that this report is a report from the Measure L Committee.

Committee discussed the 1.5 million of funds or any extra funds that might be received after the end of a Fiscal year.

Chief Strand understood that the previous council had the intent and it was their goal to move in the direction of bringing the funding up to 1.5 million for the Street Budget with any extra funds.

End of Executive Summary

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Review and Approve Final Annual Report Fiscal Year 2013-2014

NEXT MEETING

- April 13, 2015

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm