

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MEASURE I CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT BOARD
March 9, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. Responding to roll call were Board Members Hal Malkin, Lee Olsen, Scott Watkins, Vice Chairman Philip Massey. Chairman David Morfin arrived late. Also present were Public Works Director/City Engineer Mark Stowell, Public Works Manager Eric Villagracia, Senior Accountant Melissa Pascual, and Administrative Analyst II Vaniah De Rojas.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Massey called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Massey led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Vice Chairman Massey conducted roll call.

ACTION ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Massey motioned and Member Olsen seconded to approve the Minutes from the December 12, 2016 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Members Malkin, Olsen, Watkins, and Vice Chairman Massey
NOES: None
ABSENT: Chairman Morfin
ABSTAIN: None

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

2. CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TAX DISTRIBUTION UPDATE

Senior Accountant Melissa Pascual reported on payments received by the State Board of Equalization (SBOE) and Measure I expenditures. Ms. Pascual said over \$3.2-million was received by the City from July 2016 through February 2017 for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Ms. Pascual said expenditures totaling \$450,235 have been transferred out for Neighborhood Phase II, III and IV projects. The current fund balance is \$10,783,376.

Member Watkins asked why expenditures are low. Mr. Stowell stated that the winter rains have delayed the construction of Phase III. The project is expected to begin this week. Member Watkins asked why a storm drain repair program is listed as an expenditure line item instead of included in a particular Phase. Mr. Stowell stated the storm drain was not part of Phases I - IV, however the Strom Drain and Oliver Branch Drive were in very bad shape and needed to be addressed now rather than waiting until we got to their respective phases. Mr. Watkins stated RJ Noble was selected as the contractor for Phase III, but no payments have been made to them. Mr. Stowell stated that as previously mentioned, work on Phase III will start this week and the committee will see payments at the next meeting. Member Watkins also asked for the specific work that each company was providing under expenditure payments. Mr. Stowell explained the projects and services that each contractor is providing under expenditures.

Vice Chairman Massey motioned and Member Malkin seconded to receive and file the California State Board of Equalization Tax Distribution Update report.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Members Malkin, Olsen, Watkins, Vice Chairman Massey, and Chairman Morfin
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. ORAL REPORT ON THE CITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Public Works Director/City Engineer Mark Stowell provided an update of Measure I funded and other Capital Improvement Projects being completed in La Mirada. Mr. Stowell discussed the projects in four categories: Work Currently under Construction, Pending Construction Projects, Work Currently in Design, and Projects Recently Completed.

Work Currently under Construction includes Telegraph Road and Imperial Highway Street and Traffic Signal Improvements; Measure I- Phase III; Artesia Boulevard and Industry Circle Traffic Signal; I-5 Freeway Widening and the Los Angeles County Library. Member Malkin stated the Library is opening on March 20.

Member Olson asked about the timeframe to have the poles installed on Telegraph Road. Mr. Stowell said the poles should be installed by the end of March. Member Olson also stated the area collects water during rainstorms. Mr. Stowell stated that he is aware of the issue and will address it as part of the area improvements.

Vice Chairman Massey asked if the neighborhoods around Behringer Park will be part of a Measure I phase. Mr. Stowell stated the area was repaved seven years ago. The area north of those neighborhoods will be part of a future phase.

Member Watkins asked if the City can go elsewhere for traffic signal poles on Artesia Boulevard since there is a delay with the current purchase. Mr. Stowell stated there are two major vendors and they are both on the east coast, and both have a waitlist.

Mr. Stowell then discussed Pending Construction Projects, including Santa Gertrudes Avenue Parkway and Wall Improvements (east-side between Rosecrans Avenue and Alicante Road); Rosecrans Avenue dual Left Turn Pockets at Beach Boulevard; Alondra Boulevard and La Mirada Boulevard Intersection Improvements; La Mirada Boulevard Corridor Traffic Signal Upgrades; Neff House, George House and Neff Barn Roof Replacements; and Splash! Concrete Rehabilitation.

Mr. Watkins asked if a lane will be closed during the Santa Gertrudes Avenue Parkway and Wall Improvements. Mr. Stowell stated that one lane will be closed during the construction period.

Member Olsen stated that a sign for Edwards Road on Imperial Highway should be Edwards Drive. Mr. Stowell said he will review the sign.

Member Olsen stated that that the curve on Edwards Road heading towards Ramhurst Drive should have a red line as cars that currently park on that street make it difficult to see oncoming traffic. Mr. Stowell stated he will provide the information to Senior Analyst Mark Rounds who will work with the City's Public safety Commission to review the area.

Member Malkin asked if the City is going to hire an arborist to check City trees. Mr. Stowell stated that current staff monitor the status of City trees at each park site, however he can look into an arborist to further check the health of the trees.

Mr. Stowell continued and discussed Work Currently in Design, including Measure I – Phase IV; La Mirada Boulevard/Imperial Highway and Imperial Highway/Telegraph Road Right Turn Pockets; Leffingwell Road Rehabilitation; Creek Park Master Plan (Creek Park Bridges); and Rosecrans Avenue/ La Mirada Boulevard Landscape Improvements.

Mr. Stowell then reviewed projects recently completed, including Valley View Avenue and Adoree Street Traffic Signal; Green Hills and Creek Park Neighborhood Slurry Seal; Olive Branch Drive Pavement Rehabilitation; Measure I - Phase 2; Civic Center Parking Lot Seal Coat and Asphalt Pavement Rehabilitation of Creek Park East Parking Lot; Alondra Boulevard at Stage Road and Escalona Road Protected/Permissive Left Turn Arrow; Slurry Seal on Imperial Highway from La Mirada Boulevard to East City Limits and Leffingwell Road from La Mirada Boulevard to East City Limits; Tot Lot

Equipment Replacement at Anna J. Martin Park, Frontier Park, and the Gymnasium; Traffic Signal Improvements for the Intersections of La Mirada Boulevard at Rosecrans Avenue, Imperial Highway at Santa Gertrudes Avenue, and Imperial Highway at Ocaso Avenue; Traffic Signal Upgrades at Imperial Highway and Cordova Road, Imperial Highway and Oxford Drive, and Imperial Highway and La Mirada Boulevard; Resource Center and Activity Center Recarpeting; and SPLASH! entrance landscape improvements.

Member Olsen asked for a directional Splash! sign on Civic Center Drive to better direct patrons visiting Splash!

Member Watkins asked if the City has a sidewalk program. Mr. Stowell said the City does have a sidewalk program and contracts with Precision Concrete. Precision grinds and replaces raised sidewalks in the City.

Member Watkins asked about the Phase III and the portion that is paid by Buena Park. He inquired about Measure I funds being used for the project and if their reimbursement will be paid back into the Measure I account. Ms. Pascual stated the City is anticipated to use Measure I funds to pay Buena Park's portion of the project and that the reimbursement from Buena Park will be paid into the City's General Fund. Member Watkins stated that the funds should remain in the Measure I account to avoid the appearance of the City using Measure I funds for another City's project. Ms. Pascual stated she can keep the project separate by using General Fund money to pay Buena Park's portion and place their reimbursement into the General Fund once received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board members discussed handouts provided by City Staff including an HdL City of La Mirada 3Q 2016 Sales Tax Update and an HdL City of La Mirada Measure I – Sales, Use and Transactions Tax Receipts chart.


Member Malkin encouraged the Board to see *West Side Story* in April and *An Evening With Groucho* on March 15. Member Malkin also stated the Theatre is planning a special event to celebrate its 40th anniversary.

Vice Chairman Massey stated that he may be re-appointed to the Board by John Lewis' once he is sworn into the City Council position.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vaniah De Rojas, Administrative Analyst II



David Morfin, Chairman