

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MEASURE I CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT BOARD
March 12, 2015**

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 Changhai Ahn, Hal Malkin, David Morfin, Vice Chairman Lee Olsen and Chairman Philip Massey. Also present were City Manager Jeff Boynton, Senior Accountant Melissa Pascual, Public Works Manager Gary Sanui, and Executive Secretary Susana Hill.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Massey called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Massey led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Massey conducted roll call.

ACTION ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Malkin motioned and Member Olsen seconded to approve the Minutes from the December 4, 2014 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Members Ahn, Malkin, Morfin, Vice Chairman Olsen, and Chairman Massey
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
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. She said over \$1.5 million was received by the City from December 2014 to February 2015 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Ms. Pascual said expenditures totaling \$511,920.97 have been transferred out for the Neighborhood Phase I and Phase II projects. The current Fiscal Year 2104-15 fund balance is \$8,406,680.

Member Ahn motioned and Vice Chairman Olsen 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 Ahn, Malkin, Morfin, Vice Chairman Olsen, and Chairman Massey

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

City Manager Boynton introduced Public Works Manager Gary Sanui who provided an update of Measure I funded and other Capital Improvement Projects. He summarized projects under construction, in the design phase, and recently completed.

Mr. Sanui stated that Measure I Phase 1, which includes the rehabilitation of the residential areas north of Imperial Highway will be completed by the end of March, and Measure I, Phase 2 was recently approved by the City Council to go out to bid. Foster Park Street Rehabilitation Phase 4 is scheduled to be substantially completed by the end of March. The Neff Park Playground Equipment Replacement was recently completed and a ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for March 18. Bid opening for the industrial streets rehabilitation project will be held on March 18.

Some of the projects currently in the design phase mentioned by Mr. Sanui are the Artesia Boulevard and Industry Circle traffic signal, Valley View Avenue and Adoree Street traffic signal, Santa Gertrudes Avenue block wall, Creek Park bridges, Measure I, Phase 3, I-5 widening project, and the Los Angeles County Library renovation project.

Member Malkin asked what work was being done on the traffic signals. Mr. Boynton stated that many signals are outdated and need new equipment to function properly. Member Morfin stated that timing of several signals is quite long even when there is no cross traffic. Chairman Massey stated that the signals on Imperial Highway at Ocaso Avenue and Oxford Drive remain red for several minutes. Mr. Sanui stated that the timing loops were removed for the road work in the neighborhoods north of Imperial Highway, but the loops will be replaced very soon, which will improve traffic flow.

Mr. Sanui listed the following projects as being completed: Marquee replacement at City Hall and Behringer Park; La Mirada Boulevard median nose upgrades; Imperial

Highway median and streetscape improvements, Santa Gertrudes Avenue and Hillsborough Drive slurry seal and restriping; Alondra Boulevard pavement rehabilitation; Valley View Grade Separation; and the Coyote Creek Bikeway.

PUBLIC COMMENT

La Mirada resident Jack Miranda stated that he was present to get a grasp of the Oversight Board's purpose. Mr. Miranda stated he was a member of the Measure I Task Force and was the only member who voted against the tax. He said that La Mirada is one of a few cities that have 10 percent sales tax. He inquired if the Board had heard from any businesses being overly burdened by the tax.

Member Malkin stated the goal of the Oversight Board is to make sure that the Measure I money is being spent as it was promised it would be spent. Member Morfin stated that the Board is also interested seeing that Measure I funding be in addition to what would have already been spent by the City on capital improvements.

La Mirada Chamber of Commerce Member Dustin Dahl stated that the Chamber is working with IQ Air to host an event for the business community to talk about the effects of Measure I.

City Manager Boynton distributed a chart providing a La Mirada non-adjusted sales tax comparison. He stated that the chart compares sales tax revenues over the same quarter of the prior year. Measure I became effective April 1, 2013. Over the six quarters for which data is available, sales tax has achieved over a one percent gain. However, accounting anomalies are not factored out of these numbers.

Chairman Massey asked how this one percent tax compares to neighboring cities. City Manager Boynton said La Mirada would be about the median excluding the third quarter anomaly. Member Morfin stated there are a lot of variables that make comparisons difficult.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Member Malkin congratulated the two incumbents and Mr. Eng for being elected to the City Council.

Member Morfin expressed his appreciation to staff for their work and providing more information than the Board requires.

Chairman Massey said that since Steve Jones has retired, he hopes that one of the other Councilmembers will reappoint him when his term expires in June.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:



Susana Hill, Executive Secretary



Lee Olsen, Vice Chairman