

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MEASURE I CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT BOARD
December 3, 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 Hal Malkin, Juan Noble, Vice Chairman David Morfin and Chairman Lee Olsen. Board Member Philip Massey was absent. Also present were City Manager Jeff Boynton, Public Works Director/ City Engineer Mark Stowell, Senior Accountant Melissa Pascual, and Administrative Analyst II Vaniah De Rojas.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Olsen called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Olsen led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Administrative Analyst II Vaniah De Rojas conducted roll call.

ACTION ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Malkin motioned and Member Noble seconded to approve the Minutes from the September 3, 2015 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Members Malkin, Noble, Vice Chairman Morfin, and Chairman Olsen
NOES: None
ABSENT: Member Massey
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 \$1.4-million was received by the City from July 2015 through November 2015 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Ms. Pascual said expenditures totaling \$1,702,951 have been transferred out for Neighborhood Phase I, II and III projects. The current fund balance is \$6,865,071.

Vice Chairman Morfin motioned and Member Noble 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, Noble, Vice Chairman Morfin, and Chairman Olsen

NOES: None

ABSENT: Massey

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 three categories: Work Currently under Construction, Work Currently in Design, and Projects Recently Completed.

Work Currently under Construction include Measure I – Phase 2; Foster Park Street Rehabilitation – Phase 4; Valley View Avenue and Adoree Street Traffic Signal; Traffic Signal Improvements for the Intersection of La Mirada Boulevard at Rosecrans Avenue; Imperial Highway at Santa Gertrudes Avenue; and Imperial Highway at Ocaso Avenue.

Chairman Olsen asked if the 16-20 week lead time for traffic signal poles is after or before the project begins. Mr. Stowell clarified that the lead time begins after the project has started.

Mr. Stowell continued and discussed Work Currently in Design including Measure I – Phase 3; Measure I – Phase 4; Telegraph Road and Imperial Highway Street and Traffic Signal Improvements; La Mirada Boulevard/Imperial Highway and Imperial Highway/Telegraph Road Right Turn Pockets; Rosecrans Avenue Dual Left Turn Pockets at Beach Boulevard; Leffingwell Road Rehabilitation; Imperial Highway Slurry Seal from La Mirada Boulevard to East City Limits; Artesia Boulevard and Industry Circle Traffic Signal; Alondra Boulevard and La Mirada Boulevard Intersection Improvements; La Mirada Boulevard Corridor Traffic Signal Upgrades; Tot Lot Equipment Replacement at Anna J. Martin Park, Frontier Park, and La Mirada Gymnasium; Santa Gertrudes Avenue Sidewalk and Wall (east side between Rosecrans Avenue and Alicante Road); Green Hills and Creek Park Neighborhood Slurry Seal; Valley View Avenue Median Nose Upgrades; Alondra Boulevard at Stage Road and Escolana Road Protected/Permissive Left Turn Arrow; Creek Park Bridges; I-5 Freeway Widening; and Los Angeles County Library Renovation Project.

Member Morfin asked to check if the break in the median along La Mirada Boulevard after Imperial Highway is necessary as many drivers conduct illegal left turns and u-turns.

Member Malkin inquired on the status of updating La Mirada's traffic signal mounted street signs at the Beach Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue intersection. Mr. Stowell stated that he is working with Caltrans to update the signs.

Member Noble asked if the block walls along the east side of Santa Gertrudes Avenue belong to the City or to the residents. Mr. Stowell explained that block walls are owned by residents. However, due to the needed sidewalk repair and complexity of the project, the City will construct the new block walls. The City Council will decide if the City will maintain the block walls after construction.

Member Malkin discussed the temporary library space located at the former Family Services Center while the County Library is in construction. The temporary library will be opened for about one year during the construction. Chairman Olsen asked if the temporary library will have proper security to monitor self-check-out service. Member Malkin stated that there will be appropriate security.

Mr. Stowell then discussed Projects Recently Completed including Measure I-Phase I; Industrial Streets Rehabilitation; La Mirada Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue Slurry Seal; Civic Facilities Parking Lots Sealcoat; and Neff Park Playground Equipment Replacement.

Vice Chairman Morfin asked if the City's Gas Tax has been affected by the drop in gas prices. Ms. Pascual stated that the City has seen a decline of about \$200,000-300,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Member Malkin discussed holiday programming at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. Vice Chairman mentioned his recent visits at the Sporting News Grill.

Board members also discussed handouts provided by City Staff including the LSL, LLP Independent Auditors' Report; an HdL City of La Mirada 2Q 2015 Sales Tax Update; a La Mirada Sales Tax Comparison Chart; and an HdL City of La Mirada Measure I – Sales, Use and Transactions Tax Receipts chart.

Mr. Boynton highlighted the LSL, LLP Independent Auditors' Report opinion stating, "the City complied, in all material responses, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to the Measure I Fund for the year ended June 30, 2015."

Mr. Boynton also stated that there were big changes in the HdL City of La Mirada 2Q 2015 Sales Tax Update that caused a decline in revenues. However, when the sales tax revenues were adjusted for these anomalies, sales tax revenues were up 1.6 percent.

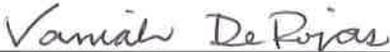
Chairman Olsen verified that 'Transactions Tax' means Measure I. Mr. Boynton confirmed.

Member Morfin asked about the status of the McDonald's going into the former Carriage House site. Mr. Boynton stated McDonald's is in Plan check and that Planning Commission later this month will be discussing sub-dividing the parcel that the current car wash and former Carriage House share.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vaniah De Rojas, Administrative Analyst II



Lee Olsen, Chairman