

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MEASURE I CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT BOARD
June 8, 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 and Chairman David Morfin. Also present were City Manager Jeff Boynton, Senior Accountant Melissa Pascual, and Administrative Analyst II Vaniah De Rojas.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morfin called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Morfin led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Administrative Analyst II Vaniah De Rojas conducted roll call.

ACTION ITEMS

1. SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Member Malkin moved and Member Watkins seconded to nominate Member Olsen to serve as Chairman of the Oversight Board.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Members Hal Malkin, Lee Olsen, Scott Watkins, Vice Chairman Philip Massey and Chairman David Morfin
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Vice Chairman Massey moved and Member Malkin seconded to nominate Member Watkins to serve as Vice Chairman of the Oversight Board.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Massey motioned and Member Morfin seconded to approve the Minutes from the March 9, 2017 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Members Malkin, Massey, Morfin, Vice Chairman Watkins, and Chairman Olsen

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

3. 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 \$4.8 million was received by the City from July 2016 to May 31, 2017 for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Ms. Pascual said expenditures totaling \$599,863 have been transferred out for the Neighborhood Phase II, III and IV projects. The current Fiscal Year 2016-17 fund balance is \$12.2 million.

Member Watkins asked if the \$521,700 payment received on 5/21/2017 was for the March 2017 SBOE tax distribution. Ms. Pascual affirmed, and stated there is a delay when receiving funds from the SBOE. Member Massey asked why Periods I and 2 are not listed in the report. Ms. Pascual stated prior year's accruals are not listed. Vice Chairman Watkins asked what the percentage completion was for Phase 2. Mr. Boynton stated it is 100 percent complete. Member Watkins asked if the payment for Phase 2 in the report will be its last. Mr. Boynton stated it was.

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

NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

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

City Manager Boynton provided an update of Measure I funded and other Capital Improvement Projects being completed in La Mirada.

Measure I Phase 3 includes the replacement of a storm drain along with other neighborhood street improvements. Most concrete work is done, paving work is about 40 percent complete, and total work is 30 percent complete. Phase 3 was awarded to R.J. Noble, which previously worked on Measure I Phase 2.

Vice Chairman Watkins asked if the portion of Phase 3 that includes Buena Park will be paid through the City's General Fund and not Measure I funds. Ms. Pascual confirmed that General Fund dollars will be used.

Phase 4 will go out to bid on June 27. The project is estimated to cost \$6-million and will be completed in Fiscal Year 2017-18.

The RFP for design services for the Phase 5 area is in process. Construction is expected to begin in FY 2018-19. Mr. Boynton stated Phase 5 will primarily include the areas north of Neff Park and west of Biola University. Mr. Boynton stated that additional funds will likely be needed to complete this Phase, including revenues received from Measure M and possibly other funding.

Chairman Olsen asked to receive an updated map to include Phase 5. Mr. Boynton stated staff will provide an updated map at the next meeting.

Mr. Boynton discussed the Telegraph Road and Imperial Highway Street and Traffic Signal Improvements. The next phase in the project will include the installation of a dedicated right-turn lane at the subject intersection and one next to Starbucks on La Mirada Boulevard at Imperial Highway. The City is currently working to coordinate the movement of affected utilities.

Chairman Olsen stated that a light signal and sidewalk may need to be moved or removed for this project on Telegraph Road and Imperial Highway. Mr. Boynton verified that these items be need to be moved for the project.

Mr. Boynton continued and stated the City is waiting for the traffic signal poles for the Artesia Boulevard and Industry Circle intersection, and La Mirada Boulevard and Alondra Boulevard intersection projects. Mr. Boynton stated there are two major vendors, and both have long lead times.

Mr. Boynton stated the Rosecrans Avenue and Beach Boulevard median and dual left-turn lane project is in progress and is expected to be completed in late June.

Mr. Boynton continued and stated the I-5 freeway widening project is ongoing and the Splash! Concrete Rehabilitation was recently completed.

Mr. Boynton discussed the block wall and sidewalk improvements on Santa Gertrudes Avenue. The project is expected to be under construction in early July. Member Malkin asked if Santa Gertrudes on the north side will be at one lane during the project. Mr. Boynton confirm that it will be one lane temporarily.

Mr. Boynton stated that the La Mirada Traffic Signal Improvements along La Mirada Boulevard is moving forward, and the contract would be awarded at the next City meeting.

Mr. Boynton shared that the George House, Neff Barn and Neff House roofs will be replaced this summer with the use of CBDG funds. CBDG funds could be lost in the future. Mr. Olsen stated funding had previously been bequeathed for the Neff Estate if CBDG funding is lost. Mr. Boynton stated he is aware of the funding received from Mina Neff and CBDG funding allows these funds to go further.

Mr. Boynton stated the City is proceeding with the Creek Park Mater Plan.

Mr. Boynton also stated that the City's Capital Improvement Project schedule for next year is ambitious. The City has over \$28 million in Capital Projects scheduled.

Mr. Boynton discussed the governor's order that permanently prohibits potable water from being used for watering turf grass medians and public streets. As a result the City plans to re-landscape the medians along Rosecrans Avenue, Valley View Avenue, and La Mirada Boulevard. Chairman Olsen asked if the median design will be similar to what was shown at a recent Study Session meeting. Mr. Boynton said yes, but the design will not include succulents. Mr. Boynton continued and stated the City is using remnant bond proceeds for the Valley View Avenue Median project.

Vice Chairman Watkins stated that in a neighborhood near Los Coyotes there is pothole due to the rain. The pothole has not been fixed and wanted to know how the repairs of potholes are handled. Mr. Boynton said residents call Public Works or use the My La Mirada app to notify the City of potholes. Mr. Boynton also stated that Public Works crews check areas for potholes after it rains and fixes them. Mr. Boynton asked Vice Chairman Watkins to send him the exact location so he can verify with Public Works.

Member Massey asked with the City was doing to prevent crime in the City. Mr. Boynton stated that deputies are visible in the community, and shared some of the preventative programs the City has implemented. Mr. Boynton also stated that the City has a new Capitan that oversees La Mirada, Norwalk and Unincorporated Whittier and he recently held a Coffee with the Capitan meeting for the public to attend. Mr. Boynton also shared that the City has seen an increase in "crimes of opportunity", where individuals leave their wallet, phone, purse or backpack in plain sight making these easy targets. Member Morfin, as a member of the Public Safety Commission, also shared that the City Council is considering adoption of Resolution No. 17-17 Promoting Legislative Reforms to Improve the Unintended Negative Impacts of Existing Criminal Law at an upcoming City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Handouts were provided by City staff including an HdL City of La Mirada 4Q 2016 Sales Tax Update and an HdL City of La Mirada Measure I – Sales, Use and Transactions Tax Receipts chart.

Member Morfin shared that a few individuals he knew who voted against Measure I have approached him and commented how happy they were with the street improvements.

Vice Chairman Watkins asked why the storm drains are not grated to prevent debris from entering. Mr. Boynton stated that the grates could actually make things worse during the rain because the debris blocks water from entering. Also, the City did receive a grant to install catch basins at some storm drains. Additionally, some areas have a bar across the storm drain to help prevent debris from entering the system.

Member Malkin stated that the new Friends of the Library Book store is now open at the recently renovated La Mirada Library. Member Malkin also stated he was pleased to see in the proposed budget that the City kept its promise of not reducing the City's CIP fund due to the additional revenues from Measure I.

Member Massey shared he enjoyed the production of *Man of La Mancha*.

Chairman Olsen stated that the City's Spring Beautification Award Ceremony will be held on June 12 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vaniah De Rojas, Senior Administrative Analyst



Lee Olsen, Chairman