MINUTES OF
THE TRANSACTION AND USE TAX
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
POLICE DEPARTMENT BRIEFING ROOM
350 NORTH “D” STREET
PORTERVILLE CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY JUNE 23, 2010 6:30 P.M.

Members

John D. Baumgartner
Dick Eckhoff
Augie Gonzalez
Bob Gray
Shirley S. Hickman
Dr. Gary Mekeel
Michael J. Pavone
Adrian Monte Reyes
Khris Saleh
Charles Webber

In the absence of a Recording Secretary, Mr. Eckhoff asked for a volunteer to keep minutes temporarily. Mr. Reyes was nominated and accepted.

ROLL CALL: Dick Eckhoff, Augie Gonzalez, Shirley Hickman, Michael J. Pavone, Adrian Monte Reyes, Khris Saleh, Charles Webber

ABSENT: John D. Baumgartner, Bob Gray, Dr. Gary Mekeel,

Staff Present: City Manager John Lollis
Deputy City Clerk Luisa Herrera

Visitors: Jenna Chandler, Porterville Recorder
Greg Shelton, City Councilman Elect
Porterville College Student, No Name Provided

Attendees were asked to introduce themselves.

Oral Communications: Greg Shelton addressed the Committee and stated the importance of Committees like TUTOC and his position as a fiscal conservative.

Written Communications: NONE
Scheduled Matters:

1. **Minutes of April 6, 2010**: Motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2010 made by Mr. Webber with a second by Mrs. Hickman 6:51pm.

2. **Review of Committee Binder**: Mr. Eckhoff asked Mrs. Hickman to re-introduce a document defining literacy. Mr. Eckhoff stated that the document is not an official Committee document, but that the document provided by Mrs. Hickman had been used as a reference to date. Mr. Eckhoff stated that the City Council may soon be providing a definition of literacy. Mr. Lollis stated that there was direction from the City Council that no appropriation to literacy would be made until there were measurable goals for achievement and a definition of literacy to work from. Mr. Shelton encouraged the Committee to create its own definition of literacy.

Mr. Eckhoff read through Resolution No. 108-2005, the original Ballot Language, Ordinance 1694, Resolution No. 24-2006, Expenditures Plan, and the Administrative Policy for the Measure H Committee and pointed out sections which had been a prior focus.

Mr. Saleh asked what would be the criteria for removing a member of TUTOC. Mr. Eckhoff stated that malfeasance could include poor attendance.

Mr. Webber asked Mr. Lollis if TUTOC falls under AB1234. Mr. Lollis stated he believed that it may.

Mr. Saleh asked if there were any additional Administrative expenditures or other costs associated with Measure H funding. Mr. Eckhoff stated that the spending reports will be provided and that the charge of the committee is to determine whether the expenditures were consistent or inconsistent with Measure H funding. Mrs. Hickman cited the example of a police officer being hired with Measure H funds and that the equipment and/or a vehicle they use should be funded as well. Mr. Eckhoff stated any persons hired for a job funded through Measure H will only remain so as long as the person stays in that position.

The group then discussed areas important to focus on to improve literacy. Mr. Eckhoff encouraged everyone to do research and get friends and family to participate in the budget approval process.

3. **Consideration of Format and Scheduling of Future Meetings**: Mr. Eckhoff suggested that the Committee should provide a minimum of three reports to the City Council annually. The first, to declare conformance or nonconformance of the budget and amended spending plan for the new fiscal year. The second, to declare conformance or nonconformance of the expenditures for the prior year to budget and spending plans. Thirdly, provide a General Overview for the whole year. Mr. Eckhoff stated that new appointments are made in April and there should be an orientation meeting for the group held in early May.
The group discussed the differences between being an advisory body and being an oversight committee and how to function appropriately within those definitions.

4. Reorganization: Dick Eckhoff was elected Chair of the Committee
Augie Gonzalez was elected Vice Chair
Adrian Monte Reyes was elected Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: A meeting was scheduled for July 27th at 6:30pm at the Police Department briefing room to discuss the definition of literacy.

Oral Communications: Mr. Shelton commented on the success level of library attendees and the benefits library services provide.

Adjournment: The committee adjourned at 8:18pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Adrian Monte Reyes, Recording Secretary