MINUTES OF THE
TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
POLICE DEPARTMENT BRIEFING ROOM
350 N. ‘D’ STREET, PORTERVILLE, CA
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011, 6:00PM

Members

Adrian Monte Reyes             Charles Webber
Michael MacDonald            Khris Saleh
Michael J. Pavone             Dr. Gary Mekeel
John Dennis                         Gail Lemmen
John Simonich

Call to Order: 6:09 P.M.

Roll Call: Adrian Monte Reyes, Charles Webber, Michael MacDonald, John Dennis, John Simonich, Gail Lemmen

Absent: Khris Saleh, Dr. Gary Mekeel, Michael J. Pavone

Staff Present: John Lollis, Patrice Hildreth, Chuck McMillan Chief of Police

Visitors: Councilman Greg Shelton, Denise Madrid

Oral Communication: None

Written Communication: None

Scheduled Matters

1. Minutes of August 26, 2010: Minutes from the August 26th meeting were amended and accepted at 6:10 P.M.

2. Reorganization:

There was discussion about who in the group had the most background with Measure H to fill the vacancies as Chair and Vice-Chair and if need be replace the Recording Secretary. It was suggested that Mr. Reyes and Mr. Webber had the most experience of those in attendance resulting in the following officers being elected:

Adrian Monte Reyes – Chair
Charles Webber – Vice-Chair
Michael MacDonald – Recording Secretary

There was a review and discussion of items from Police, Fire and the Library expenditures in relation to Measure H. It was asked what percent of the Measure H Expenditures went to pay salaries. It was explained that any officers who are hired for a position covered under Measure H are to remain so until the position ends. Training, however, is paid for from the General Fund. Most of these positions are entry level positions, with the exception of Bob Perez. Details of the tasks Mr. Perez accomplishes as well as other expenditures made by the Police Department were explained by Chief McMillan. Mr. MacDonald suggested the use of a City vehicle for Mr. Perez in light of fuel re-imbursement costs. Chief McMillan’s explanation of Police expenditures also shed light on the detail from the Fire portion, due to the similarities in format, coding and presentation. Three invoice samples were selected by the committee from the Library expenditure for review and will be distributed shortly after the meeting. There was a vote by the Committee regarding the expenditures and it was determined that the expenditures were in compliance with the intent of the measure.

AYES: Reyes, Webber, MacDonald, Dennis, Simonich, Lemmen
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Saleh, Mekel, Pavone

4. Review of Proposed FY 2011/2012 Budget:

There was a review of the proposed budget and general discussion. Councilman Shelton asked the committee about the prospect of Animal Control borrowing money from Measure H to allow for the construction of a badly needed local animal shelter. Mr. Shelton referenced a plan brought forward at an earlier City Council meeting that suggested a local shelter could generate revenue by serving our surrounding communities and lessening the fuel consumption that results in frequent trips to Lindsay where the current shelter stands. Of the committee members that chose to comment, the consensus was that it was risky to borrow public safety monies if there has not been a declaration that the current system and shelter pose a public safety hazard. It was suggested that representation from Fire, Police and the Library be encouraged at TUTOC meetings due to Chief McMillan’s ability to thoroughly answer any questions from the committee regarding the Police expenditures as related to Measure H at this meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Adrian Monte Reyes at 8:05pm with the committee agreeing to meet again July 21, 2011 at 6:30pm at the Police Department Briefing Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adrian Monte Reyes