Roll: Buck Fletcher, John Simionich, Kat Harris, Gail Lemmen, Khris Saleh, Janet Meister, Sal Estrada, Margaret Stinson
Absent: Dr. Mann,
Staff: John Lollis, Chief Kourtil, Vicki Cervantes, Glenn Hall, Chief Irish and Maria Beamis

1. Oral Communications

2. Scheduled matters- A. Minutes of last meeting Moved to accept: Janet Meister, second John Simionich, passed by voice vote
   B. Review of preliminary 2015-2016 budget: Khris Saleh asked if quarter three expenditures are finalized- not yet. Kat Harris asked about the proposed overtime for the police department. Our budget includes general fund as well as measure H funds. Kat asked how much for an employee. Captain Kourtil responded $90,000 to $100,000. Buck Fletcher asked about Library and Literacy under capital outlay: computer purchases. Vicki Cervantes responded that the library will be reconfiguring the children’s library and will be purchasing equipment and furnishings to combine the early learning center and the children’s collection. The remodel of the second floor bathrooms is in the capital budget. The elevator is not ADA compliant so the remodel is on hold. Library will be upgrading the joint use library at Santa Fe. Sal Estrada asked about the $548,000 loss. It will be made up for by the general fund. John Lawless explained about the budget: we have the sales tax revenues using the most likely scenario. The experts are forecasting a recession in the future- in two years. On the appropriations side we will be hiring three more fire fighters to help staff the new station. Currently the fire department is starting to work on staffing. Capital projects: The public station building is currently at 5 million but should come in at less than that. The other departments use about 95% of their budgets. Kat Harris asked why the interest revenue dropped. Maria Beamis said we have drawn down the money we have saved to pay for the public safety building. Kat Harris asked about funds to build an animal shelter. John Lawless replied we must first fund a $300,000 capital reserve, fund the extra fire fighters then the city council can discuss the animal shelter. Buck Fletcher asked about the uniform allowance of $700,000. Chief Irish answered the funds are to outfit the 12 measure H employees, to replace their uniforms and for new employees. Khris Saleh asked if fire department would hire more employees. They will hire three more employees. Fire will move employees around to staff the new fire department. Khris Saleh asked if we would need 6 new fire fighters for the new station. How did the fire department come up with three Measure H employees? Chief Irish said that is all Measure H could pay for. Khris Saleh asked how does each department determines when they can hire another measure H employee? Mr. Lawless answered you have to have the money for another employee first. First 15% is allocated to Library and Literacy and the rest is allocated to the Fire and Police. Khris asked what happens when we have a recession? The city would use the capital reserve account to pay salaries. The city
also has a reserve built into their general fund. There are conversations about what
the city needs in the future and how to pay for it. The city is annexing county
islands. The revenue from that in the general fund will be used to hire more police
employees.

Khris Saleh asked the Library commission how does the library determine how to
spend its money. Vicki Cervantes answered she gets the figure from the finance
department and she spends the money as needed. Personal expenses are higher
because health insurance premiums have gone up. 20% of building maintenance is
paid for by Measure H. Consumables are flyers, coloring books, LE program has
materials that the students get and at kindergarten registration students get a small bag
of information. Khris asked why the general fund picks up a small portion of the tab.
Vicki answered that these items are directly related to literacy and were not available
before Measure H. Khris asked about the publications and dues. Vicki answered that
Measure H pays for some of those publications. The library uses a service to purchase
newspaper and print materials as well as other items that are used by the library.
Measure H pays for employees to extend the library hours first ($300,00 out of
$500,00) and the rest is used for programs. A lot of the programs would disappear
without Measure H funds. Khris Saleh is concerned that library funding is not as clear
and straightforward as Police and Fire department funding. He is also concerned that
Measure H pays for a lot of the library programs rather than using general funds.
There is not a set funding formula. Buck Fletcher acknowledged that there are
problems determining what should be paid for by Measure H and what should be paid
for by the general fund. Khris said that what Measure H pays for should be more set
and not up to the staff (for library funding) Mr. Lawless answered that overall
Measure H pays for about 33% of the library funding. The City Council would have
to direct staff to come up with a funding formula. The City Council will agree to a
budget. The committee can have a finding that the budget is inconsistent and then we
will have public hearing. Buck asked what would be a solution. Khris would like to
see a specific formula for library funding for each category like they do with book
funding and utility funding. Sal Estrada said that Measure H is about 15% of the total
funding. He noticed that General Fund has increased more that Measure H in each of
the three departments. Kat Harris asked how they are paying for the furnishings and
others items for the new station. Chief Irish answered that we don’t need another fire
truck. Furnishing the new station is coming from the General Fund. They have been
saving for the past few years to have the money to pay for the furnishings. The police
department got a grant for the furnishings and is looking into other equipment. Now
the City Council will take this up at the next meeting as a scheduled matter. They will
give some direction to staff. Staff will come up with a budget in June. City Council
has to adopt a budget by the end of June. The committee will then find the budget
consistent or inconsistent and review expenditures each quarter. Kat Harris moves we
go on to other matters, John Simionich seconds passed by voice vote.

3. Other Matters- next meeting The City Council will have a budget the week of
June 15th and have a hearing on the 16th. Next Measure H meeting will be June
25th. We will look at 3rd quarter expenditures and the new budget. Meeting is
adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,

Gail Lemmen
Secretary Measure H