

CITY OF REDLANDS
MEASURE T CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Special Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2025

2nd Floor Conference Room, Citrus Center, 300 State St., Redlands CA

Committee Members Present:

Scott Welsh, Vice Chair, District 5
Ruth Cook, Secretary, District 1
Melisa Castro, District 2
Edward Millican, District 3
Suzanne Teele, District 4
Stephen Crane, Public Safety Bargaining Unit
(after 3:15 pm)
Don Young, Non-Public Safety Bargaining Unit

Staff:

Danielle Garcia
James Garland
Valerie Abrego
Miriam Valtierra

A. ATTENDANCE & CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by Vice Chair Welsh, who welcomed those in attendance.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public expressed a desire to address the Committee.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 3, 2025 Measure T meeting minutes were approved by a unanimous vote of the Committee members present. The motion to approve was made by Young and seconded by Millican. Castro and Teele abstained, since they were not present at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Selection of Officers

Prior to the vote, Director Garcia provided an overview of the Measure T Committee's responsibilities and the duties of the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. Vice-Chair Welsh and Secretary Cook shared their experiences as well.

Vice-Chair Scott nominated Ruth Cook for Chair, noting that she has the most experience of any Committee member. Millican seconded the nomination. No other nomination was made, and Cook was elected unanimously.

Millican nominated Scott Welsh for Vice-Chair. Crane seconded the nomination. No other nomination was made, and Welsh was elected unanimously.

Teele nominated Edward Millican for Secretary. Scott seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made and Millican was elected unanimously.

E. PRESENTATION OF THE CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET- MEASURE T FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

Director Garcia explained the City of Redlands's biennial budget development process and gave a summary of the budget for the fiscal year 2025-26.

Garcia reviewed the current revenue picture for the City of Redlands. Economic conditions are uncertain, and it's possible consumer spending will contract. Property tax receipts are expected to increase, but the rate of increase to be less than in previous years. Also, the Amazon point of sale tax revenues are no longer available, due to changes in Amazon accounting practices. This will affect Measure T revenues, but not require immediate reductions in Measure T spending. Spending may be affected in future years, however. Crane asked if local jurisdictions besides Redlands have been affected by this, and Garcia responded that they have been.

Garcia reviewed ongoing and proposed Measure T expenditures for the current two-year period and noted that this information can be found on the City's Measure T web page. Garcia noted the crucial role played by Measure T funding in the 32% reduction in the homeless population of Redlands, the trimming of 25% of the city's trees, and in steps being taken to speed construction of a new Safety Hall.

Castro asked if property damage occasioned by city trees is compensated by Measure T funds, and Garcia explained such costs are covered by the city's liability fund.

Young asked about the use of Measure T funds for enhanced City payments to the CALPERS pension fund. Staff responded that this would depend on the City's negotiations with the relevant employee bargaining units. Castro asked when employee benefits are reviewed, and expressed concern that benefits for police might be negatively affected by a review. Staff responded that the current review would begin this Summer. Crane observed that cases are dealt with directly by HR and the officers concerned.

Crane noted the difficulty of police recruiting currently and observed that Measure T funding has supported police positions working with the homeless population and schools.

Garcia noted the contribution of Measure T funding to the development of the parks Master Plan, which will begin with Texonia Park and continue through the city's other parks.

Garcia observed that the mid-biennium report on the city's budget for FY 2025-26 will be given to the Redlands City Council at the meeting of June 17, 2025.

F. FUTURE MEETINGS

Garcia noted that the Measure T Committee is scheduled to meet next in February 2026 to review the 2025 Fiscal Audit report. Garcia also stated that if any significant changes are made in Measure T spending between now and the end of the current calendar year, the Measure T Committee will be informed by email and/or a special meeting.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The Measure T Committee meeting was adjourned by Chair Cook at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Edward Millican, Secretary