

**CITY OF REDLANDS**  
**MEASURE T CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**Special Meeting Minutes**

**March 4, 2026 @ 1pm**

**Redlands City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon St., Redlands, CA 92373**

**Committee Members Present:**

Ruth Cook, Chairwoman, District 1  
Scott Welsh, Vice Chair, District 2  
Edward Millican, Secretary, District 3  
Suzanne Teele, District 4  
Matthew Swenson, Public Safety Bargaining Unit

**Staff:**

Danielle Garcia  
James Garland  
Valerie Abrego  
Miriam Valtierra

**Committee Members Not Present:**

Melisa Castro, District 2  
Eli Salazar, Non-Public Safety Bargaining Unit

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairwoman Cook called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. A quorum of the Committee was present.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public wished to address the committee.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 20, 2025 meeting of this Committee were approved by a unanimous vote.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Garcia introduced Miriam Valtierra, Budget Analyst, City of Redlands, who was present throughout the meeting.  
The Committee examined the draft FY 2025 Annual Report on Measure T Spending, and discussed the presentation of this item to the City Council. Garcia reviewed the Report noting various revisions since the Committee's last meeting on 02/20/2026.  
Teele presented a list of suggested corrections to the Report, to improve the clarity of the presentation. Swenson suggested that future Reports should clearly distinguish between Public Safety and Non-Public Safety expenditures, and likewise between expenditures for Police and for Fire protection.  
Swenson moved, and Millican seconded, a motion to approve the Measure T Citizens' Oversight Committee FY 2025 Annual Report, including Teele's corrections and, in future reports, to distinguish between Public Safety and Non-Public Safety spending,

and between Police and Fire spending. The motion passed unanimously.

Cook and Teele will present the Report to the City Council at the meeting of March 17, 2026.

- B. Garcia pointed out that this Committee will next need to meet in connection with the budget of FY 2026-27. The proposed budget will be presented to the Council mid-May and the earliest it could be adopted would be June 02. The Committee decided that a meeting date of May 20th or 21st, 2026 would best provide for timely and informed input, and that Abrego could be trusted to find the optimal specific date and time. Welsh suggested that our Committee meetings be opened with a statement of the charge of the Committee – namely, to ensure that Measure T expenditures are in accord with the commitments that were made when the Measure T tax was agreed to.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman Cook at 1:32 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Edward Millican, Secretary