

MINUTES

City of Lakewood
Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee
Executive Board Room, 5000 Clark Ave., Lakewood, CA
September 27, 2023
6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Crystal Jones-Duncan at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

PRESENT: Crystal Jones-Duncan, Chair, City Council Appointee, Seniors
Jeannie Clark, Vice Chair, City Council Appointee, At-Large
Cassandra Chase, Chair, City Council Audit Committee
Jeff Wood, Member, City Council Audit Committee
David Arellano, Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce
Rose Nelson, Lakewood Women's Club
Ron Piazza, City Council Appointee, Business Community (*remotely*)
Ahmed Rafi, City Council Appointee, Neighborhood Watch

ABSENT: Valerie Youell, City Council Appointee, Youth

ALSO PRESENT: Paolo Beltran, Deputy City Manager
Anne Rodriguez, Asst. Director of Finance and Administrative Services
Kelli Pickler, Director of Public Works
Kevin Yamakawa, Associate Civil Engineer, Public Works
Sam Chambers, Asst. Project Manager, Public Works
Barbara Di Iorio, Executive Secretary

I. **Approval of Minutes from March 29, 2023 Meeting**

A motion to approve was made by Member Arellano, seconded by Vice Chair Clark, and carried without objection, to approve the March 29, 2023 minutes of the Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee.

II. **Overview of FY 23-24 Mid-Cycle Budget**

Deputy City Manager Beltran provided a brief review on the background of the Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee.

Assistant Director Rodriguez provided an overview of the FY 23-24 mid-cycle budget, supported with slides. The difference between the City Budget and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) was explained. The overview included review of the General Fund budget, the city's financial outlook, FY 23-24 General Fund revenues, Measure L sales tax revenue, a history of Lakewood's sales tax revenue, and the city's departmental expenditures for FY 23-24. Assistant Director Rodriguez noted that Lakewood's budget principles have always included prudent fiscal management, strong financial oversight, and living within our means. She summarized by stating that the city continues to be well-positioned financially, is able to maintain programs and services, sets aside funds for needed infrastructure improvements, and includes budget surpluses anticipated as part of long-term stabilization strategy.

III. Status of Capital Improvement Projects Funded by Measure L

Staff from the Public Works department provided updates on the various Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), with information displayed on slides. Public Works Associate Civil Engineer, Kevin Yamakawa started off with updates on some of the completed and active projects with critical milestones. Assistant Project Manager Sam Chambers continued the report with information on additional active projects that are in near completion, starting construction soon, or in design phase. Ms. Chambers also advised the group on future projects.

IV. Vision, Mission and Values

Deputy City Manager Beltran reported on the Vision, Mission and Values initiative. He noted that at the annual goal setting session of the City Council in October 2022, the City Council prioritized the development of vision, mission and values statements. The intent of these statements is to serve as important guideposts and provide direction for the city organization, now and into the future. Each statement was stated and explained, as were the strategic initiatives to be used to translate the city's vision into practice. Mr. Beltran noted that city employees are already being trained on the statements and the purpose behind them. He also stated that The Vision, Mission and Values statements will also be shared with residents and stakeholders of the community in the coming months.

V. Public Comment

There were no members of the public present to comment.

VI. Committee Member Comments

Members of the Committee expressed appreciation for staff's good work, especially with regard to all of the CIP projects. Some also expressed interest in being updated at a future meeting about the ways Measure L is being used on Public Safety.

VII. Adjournment

Chairperson Jones-Duncan adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Di Iorio
Executive Secretary