

DRAFT MINUTES
SALINAS CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
Monday, December 2, 2019
1:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Joe Gunter and Councilmember Scott Davis.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ray Corpuz Jr., Finance Director Matt Pressey, Public Works Director David Jacobs, Library and Community Services Director Kristan Lundquist, Community Safety Administrator Jose Arreola and Senior Accountant Abe Pedroza.

Mayor Gunter called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE / COMMENT

Member of the public Gloria Moore was present.

Ms. Moore voiced her disappointment with the cancellation of recent Measure G and E Oversight Committee meetings due to lack of quorum. Ms. Moore also inquired about the City's webpage and how to access Measure G and E financial reports.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the November 4, 2019 meeting were approved by motion of Committee Member Davis, second by Committee Member Gunter.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Neighborhood Beautification Grant Update

Community Safety Administrator Jose Arreola delivered the report, noting that bringing back the Neighborhood Services Coordinator position was instrumental to the program. The presentation included a detailed list of projects funded, as well as a City map, providing the location with respect to Council district. Since FY 16-17, the grant receives approximately 12-16 applications annually, funding 10-12 on average. These projects include dog parks, little league field improvements, public art, signage, tennis court maintenance, and more. Mr. Arreola indicated that at times, various projects are awarded funding, however the money is left unspent. Mayor Joe Gunter recommended that staff follow up with the various applicants after 6 months to obtain progress reports, potentially returning unused funds to the pool that can be re-allocated by Council. Mr. Gunter also noted that applicants who do not follow through on their commitment be prohibited from applying the subsequent year. Councilmember Scott Davis suggested unspent funds carryover to the following year, allowing the applicant to make a more meaningful impact given the increased budget.

B. Measure G Expenditures Life-to-Date

Finance Director Matt Pressey presented on the life-to-date expenditures of Measure G, including operating, staffing, and capital improvement projects. Operating expenditures total \$47.4M, 78% of the total \$60.6M budget. Police, Fire, and Public Works receive a majority of the funding, paralleling the General Fund budget as well as the key talking points that were used to initially pass the measure. Staffing, the main driver of operating costs, has risen

from 55.0 FTE in FY 15/16 to 90.0 FTE in FY 19/20. One-time capital improvement projects total \$37.7M in expenditures, 67% of the total \$55.9M budget. Mr. Pressey detailed a comprehensive list of projects, highlighting projects over \$200K. Mayor Joe Gunter requested the information be disseminated to Councilmember Tony Barrera, thanked staff for their efforts, and urged the City to plan for the future of Measure G. Councilmember Scott Davis encouraged staff to develop a reader-friendly synopsis of the report that could be disseminated to the public via press release, web posting, mass email, or another method.

C. Committee Member Reports

None.

4. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2020.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Handwritten signature of Abe Pedroza in cursive script.

Abe Pedroza, Senior Accountant