MEASURE J OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

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MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pougnet called the June 11, 2012 meeting of the Measure J Oversight Commission of the City of Palm Springs to order at 5:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners Bloomer, Cohen, Dada, Hammond, Marshall, Moon, Towner, Vogel, Williams, Glass and Watts.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary Cairns, Director of Finance Kiehl, Mayor Steve Pougnet, City Manager David Ready, City Clerk James Thompson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Cohen led the Pledge.

ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBERS: City Clerk Thompson administered the Oath of Office to the Commissioners, and Oath of Allegiance Forms were signed by and collected from all Commissioners.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF:
Mayor Pougnet welcomed the Commission, addressed changes in the agenda, and reminded Commissioners of the joint meeting with City Council on 6/20/12.

Mayor Pougnet requested the Commission modify the order of the Agenda for this first meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Rosenberg, Palm Springs, commented on the process of deciding how projects are approved by the Commission and the importance of citizen input.

John Lea, Palm Springs, commented on his concern that the Commission's decisions be beneficial to the City and to tourism.

Joy Meredith, Palm Springs, thanked the Commissioners for their willingness to serve and offered her assistance regarding the Downtown Merchants.

Jack Kimberling, Palm Springs, commented on the Commission seeking citizen input, and funds from Measure J not being restricted solely to Capital Projects.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1.A. PURPOSE OF THE MEASURE J COMMISSION:

Mayor Pougnet commented that the Commission's approval is not limited to just capital projects, and encouraged the Commission to seek citizen input and to talk to staff as to how things are moving forward. Clerk Thompson gave a brief overview of the Brown Act.

ACTION: Receive report from staff. **By consensus of Commissioners.**

2.A. ADOPTION OF BYLAWS, REGULAR MEETING DATES, AND RULES OF PROCEDURE:

Commissioner Moon provided additional comments to the Bylaws regarding voting rights. Commissioner Williams asked for clarification on voting by rotation for the alternate Commissioners. Clerk Thompson explained rotation voting by meeting, not by item, and that the alternate Commissioners have full authority granted to them by the City Council to discuss and deliberate and be appointed to any subcommittees that the Commission may form.

ACTION: Establish regular meeting dates as the third Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m. **Motion Commissioner Towner, seconded by Commissioner Cohen, and unanimously carried.**

ACTION: Action deferred on Bylaws. **By consensus of the Commission.**

3.A. CITY MANAGER AND FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

City Manager Ready provided information on staff's role to facilitate, bring information and then implement the Commission's decisions.

Finance Director Kiehl provided information on how and when the additional sales tax revenues are received by the City, as well as how the revenues will be tracked separately from general fund revenues.

4.A. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON:

ACTION: Table the election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to the June 21, 2012, regular Commission meeting. **By consensus of the Commission.**

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

4. NEW BUSINESS: None.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS AND COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hammond requests the Public Comments portion of the meeting be both at the beginning and end of the meetings. Clerk Thompson confirms that is at the Commission's discretion and must be included in the Bylaws. Commissioner Dada asks for clarification on the retirement of the bonds. Finance Director Kiehl will bring further information at a future meeting. Commissioner Marshall requested information on parking maintenance and estimate of costs for 6/20 meeting, and Commissioner Williams requested this item be on the next meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: The Measure J Oversight Commission adjourned at 6:41 p.m. to a Joint Meeting with the Palm Springs City Council at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 20, 2012, Palm Springs City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way. The next regular meeting of the Measure J Oversight Commission will be held Thursday, June 21, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room at Palm Springs City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs.

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Commission Secretary