

MEASURE J COMMISSION
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA
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MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
CITY HALL LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Moon called the October 17, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Measure J Commission of the City of Palm Springs to order at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners Bloomer, Dada, Glass, Hammond, Vogel, Williams, Vice-Chair Marshall, and Chair Moon. Commissioner Watts arrived at 4:51 p.m.

ABSENT: Commissioners Cohen and Towner.

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary Cairns, Director of Finance Kiehl, and City Manager Ready.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Bloomer led the Pledge.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA: The agenda was accepted as amended, changing the order of Item 3 and Item 4, to begin with Item 4.A., then 4.C., 4.B., 3.A., and 3.B. **Motion Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Vogel and unanimously carried noting the absence of Commissioners Cohen, Towner and Watts.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of September 19, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. **Motion Commissioner Dada, seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried by consensus of the Commission, noting the absence of Commissioners Cohen, Towner and Watts.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Andrew Starke, Palm Springs, commented on the funding request regarding the home plate area at Palm Springs Stadium and asked the Commission to reconsider the request.

Andy Hollinger, Palm Springs, commented on the Swim Center and possibly naming the pool complex after Tracey McFarlane, a former swimmer at Palm Springs High School and former Olympian.

Travis Armstrong, Palm Springs, commented on his support of a possible second dog park due to overcrowding and overuse, and the temporary closing of the current dog park for two months.

1. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

No action taken.

2. PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Dave Barakian, City Engineer, did not provide a verbal report at the request of the Commission but was asked to present a verbal update at the next regular meeting. No action taken.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

3.A. REPORT FROM THE MEASURE J ANALYSIS AD HOC COMMITTEE REGARDING PROPOSED METHODOLOGIES AND PROCESSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 MEASURE J PROJECT FUNDING:

ACTION: Table this item to the next regular meeting. **Motion Commissioner Dada, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried noting the absence of Commissioners Cohen and Towner.**

3.B. DISCUSSION AND IDENTIFICATION OF NEW AD HOC COMMITTEES:

ACTION: Table this item to the next regular meeting. **Motion Vice-Chair Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried noting the absence of Commissioners Cohen and Towner.**

4. NEW BUSINESS:

4.A. REPORT FROM THE ANALYSIS AD HOC COMMITTEE AND DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED ADDITIONAL PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL BASED ON REVISED APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2013-14 MEASURE J FUNDING:

The Analysis ad hoc committee presented three handouts for discussion. The Commission discussed and/or commented on the following with respect to Item 4.A.: Measure J recommended projects already approved by City Council; delayed projects including Uptown/Downtown Lighting, Palm Canyon Improvements, and Study Items; and new additional recommendations for FY 2013-14 based on the revised increase in Measure J revenue.

ACTION: 1) Approve and recommend the following projects for Fiscal Year 2013-14 funding totaling \$4,222,874: Tahquitz Creek Master Plan in the amount of \$750,000; a 10% Reserve in the amount of \$772,874; Street Repair in the amount of \$1,000,000; Desert Landscaping (Tahquitz Canyon Way) in the amount of \$1,000,000; and City Hall Parking Lot Repavement in the amount of \$700,000; and 2) Approve and recommend \$1,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2014-15 funding for Desert Landscaping (Tahquitz Canyon Way). **MOTION: Motion Vice-Chair Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and carried 9-0 on a roll call vote.**

AYES: Commissioner Bloomer, Dada, Glass, Hammond, Vogel, Watts, Williams, Vice-Chair Marshall, and Chair Moon.

NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioners Cohen and Towner.

ACTION: Approve the following additional staff recommendations totaling \$1,163,000: 1) Police – Repave rear and front parking lots in the amount of \$300,000 ; 2) Fire Station #4 Roof Replacement in the amount of \$20,000; 3) Fire Station #4 Chiller Replacement in the amount of \$60,000; 4) Police Records Area Redesign and Renovation in the amount of \$200,000; 5) Fire Stations Security Cameras in the amount of \$27,000; 6) Fire Stations Keyless Entry System in the amount of \$50,000; 7) Treewell Irrigation in the amount of \$45,000; 8) Village Green Improvements in the amount of \$50,000; 9) Pavilion Gymnasium Floor Repair and Refinish in the amount of \$30,000; 10) City Hall Security Design and Installation in the amount of \$100,000; 11) Police Dept. Initial Design – Remodel Building in the amount of \$100,000; 12) Arnico Tract Sewer Project in the amount of \$181,000. **Motion Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Watts and carried 9-0 on a roll call vote.**

AYES: Commissioner Bloomer, Dada, Glass, Hammond, Vogel, Watts, Williams, Vice-Chair Marshall, and Chair Moon.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners Cohen and Towner.

4.B. REPORT FROM THE ANALYSIS AD HOC COMMITTEE OF OCTOBER 15, 2013 MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL MEASURE J SUBCOMMITTEE:

The Analysis ad hoc committee provided a verbal report to the Commission and discussed and/or commented on the following: City Council identifying a 5-year strategic plan for projects; the vision for the City moving forward; Council's renewed commitment to look at public safety projects, the library, parks, parking, and streets; the Measure J ballot measure language; Council assessing the voice of the public; the Parks Master Plan; streets; and the Measure J application process. No action taken.

4.C. REPORT FROM THE MEASURE J AD HOC COMMITTEE ON OUTREACH:

ACTION: Authorize a letter be sent out to all funding applicants along with a list of approved projects after the next Council meeting of November 6, 2013, and adding the list of approved projects to the website. **Motion Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried noting the absence of Commissioners Cohen and Towner.**

5. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

5.A. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Travis Armstrong, Palm Springs, commented on the Measure J Commission involving and working with other City commissions.

Sheila Cobrin, Palm Springs, commented on PSNIC members attending Measure J Commission meetings.

STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND REQUESTS:

Commissioner Hammond commented on the location of the Veteran's Memorial Park project, and her discussion with Vicki Oltean, Director of Parks & Recreation. Commissioner Vogel and the Commission commented on communication with other City commissions. Chair Moon commented on the deadline for commissioners to submit information to include in the agenda packet.

ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting of the Measure J Commission of the City of Palm Springs adjourned at 6:40 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, November 21, 2013, Palm Springs City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way. **Motion Commissioner Dada, seconded by Commissioner Glass and unanimously carried noting the absence of Commissioners Cohen and Towner.**

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE MEASURE J COMMISSION THIS 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013.



Cindy Cairns
Commission Secretary