

Rodeo-Hercules Fire District

Measure O Oversight Committee meeting

June 11 2024 6PM

- 1) Meeting start: 18:07
- 2) Roll Call (18:07) Present: Frank Grimsley, Tara Shaia, Maureen Brennan, Elizabeth Genai Absent: Angie Noble
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance (18:08)
- 4) Approve previous minutes: 4 yes, 1 absent (18:09)
- 5) Public Comment: (18:11) No public comment
- 6) Agenda items: (18:12) Preliminary budget, approved by Board, and starts July 1 2024. September board meeting is a finalized budget.

7.) Chief Ramirez presented preliminary budget for Measure O. See attachment. \$904,000. = “beginning fund balance.” Total revenue=\$2.6 million. Per Member Shaia, \$904,000 is missing from Total Balance. Large sum! Chief will review and revise as needed.

8.) Member Shaia asked if CERT training is included in new Measure O budget, as previously requested. The Chief mentioned several reasons why it’s not possible at this time. Oversight, personnel time, training volunteers, etc.

9.) Chair Brennan asked if Station 74 in Pinole is open. Chief says yes. Not apparent as Station appears closed.

10.) (24:05) Measure O report dropped from Board agenda. It was pointed out that these mistakes are ongoing. Members complained of “stonewalling” and unanswered questions at the ConFire/Broussard presentation. What service will we get for our Measure O money, should annexation occur? There occurred a continued discussion of benefits to the community vs. the best interest of the firefighters.

11.) Measure O makes for an “uneven” playing field. A recommendation was made to make a request of the Board, that, should annexation occur, the Measure O tax should be dissolved/ terminated. Also suggested is to have a public vote for Measure O to be terminated. This is actually part of the Ordinance, that a public vote is required to terminate

Measure O. Elizabeth Genai, made motion to ask Board for an advisory statement to terminate Measure O upon annexation, second by Frank Grimsley. After further discussion, vote was deferred to a later date.

11.) Public Comment: (1 hour: 35 minutes) Chair Doss. Board member Marie Bowman.

Final comment, by E. Genai. (1 hour: 35 minutes) If you close Station 75, Measure O money should go away. Let's see the annexation agreement. Not currently available. What is the timeline for annexation goals?

12.) Adjournment (1 hour: 40 minutes)