City of Pomona

Regular Meeting Minutes

CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE



Chair Leticia Casillas Sanchez Vice-Chair Debra Watkins Committee Member Julian Lucas Committee Member Dean Rudenauer Committee Member Philip Chu Committee Member Guillermo Gonzalez

VISION STATEMENT

Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.

Thursday, April 21, 2022

6:30 PM

Council Closed Session Room

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Casillas Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Casillas Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Committee Chair Leticia Casillas Sanchez

Vice Chair Debra Watkins

Committee Member Dean Rudenauer

Committee Member Philip Chu

Absent: Committee Member Julian Lucas

Committee Member Guillermo Gonzalez

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Mowbray, Finance Director Shar Perez, Revenue Operations Manager Brenda Karim, Senior Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1) Approval of Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on February 17, 2022

It is recommended that the Citizens Oversight Committee approve the Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2022:

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER RUDENAUER, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER CHU, CARRIED 4-0 (COMMITTEE MEMBERS LUCAS AND GONZALEZ ABSENT), to approve the February 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

There was no public comment on this item.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes for the Special Meeting Held on February 24, 2022

It is recommended that the Citizens Oversight Committee approve the Special Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2022:

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER CHU, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER RUDENAUER, CARRIED 4-0 (COMMITTEE MEMBERS LUCAS AND GONZALEZ ABSENT), to approve the February 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes.

There was no public comment on this item.

DISCUSSION

3) TUT Update

Shar Perez, Revenue Operations Manager, conducted the presentation of the TUT Update.

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER RUDENAUER, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER CHU, CARRIED 4-0, (COMMITTEE MEMBERS LUCAS AND GONZALEZ ABSENT) to receive and file the TUT Update.

There was no public comment on this item.

4) Sales Tax Update

Shar Perez, Revenue Operations Manager, conducted the presentation of the Sales Tax Update.

Revenue Operations Manager Perez asked the Committee if in the future they would like to focus on only the PG specific reports and not have Citywide data. The committee unanimously stated they would like the reports to remain the same, and to have the Citywide data available.

Committee Member Rudenauer related that it is his belief that the main focus of the committee is to see how the PG monies impact the City. Chair Casillas Sanchez agreed and stated that if any of the recommendations made to council by this committee are accepted, the committee will then be able to monitor the effect of the PG funds.

Committee Member Chu stated that the category "Used Automotive Dealers" significantly decreased. This decrease was contributed to an automobile dealership and the RV Show discontinuing business in the city, related Revenue Operations Manager Perez.

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER RUDENAUER, SECOND BY COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR WATKINS, CARRIED 4-0, (COMMITTEE MEMBERS LUCAS AND GONZALEZ ABSENT) to receive and file the Sales Tax Update.

There was no public comment on this item.

5) FY 2022-23 General Fund Preliminary Budget Review

The FY 2022-23 General Fund Preliminary Budget Review was presented by Finance Director, Andrew Mowbray.

Chair Casillas-Sanchez stated that her presentation at the Community Budget Meeting was received positively, and the Council said they would take the recommendations into consideration. They were thankful that the Committee's recommendations were brought forth. A member of the public had also stated that during the course of a Charter Review Commission meeting it was suggested that an oversight committee be established for the budget. At that time it was suggested that maybe this committee could oversee it, however, nothing was noted or decided by Council.

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER CHU, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER RUDENAUER, CARRIED 4-0, (COMMITTEE MEMBERS LUCAS AND GONZALEZ ABSENT) to receive and file the FY 2022-23 General Fund Preliminary Budget Review.

There was no public comment on this item.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Vice Chair Watkins thanked the City for shutting down the illegal marijuana dispensary on Garey which she believes brought about a reduction in petty crime and homelessness. It was also stated by Chair Casillas Sanchez and Committee Member Rudenauer that new developments are being built in the City which should bring in more money.

Committee Members inquired about when the new train station will be constructed. Revenue Manager Perez stated that the next phase of the Goldline project will be in Pomona, when La Verne and San Dimas are finished.

Director Mowbray stated that for economic development news, please subscribe to the City Manager's Newsletter.

Committee Member Rudenauer requested to know if the City is taking into account that the Fair starts in May and there will be more revenue coming in. Director Mowbray stated that those numbers were re-evaluated and placed in the budget. It is predicted to be close to the same revenue amounts as it was pre-COVID-19.

Committee Member Chu related that he was glad to hear that the committee's Public Safety suggestions were well received at the Community Budget meetings.

There was no public comment.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Casillas-Sanchez at 7:17 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Citizens Oversight Committee will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,	ATTEST:
Brenda Karim	Leticia Casillas Sanchez
Senior Administrative Assistant	Chair of the Citizens Oversight Committee