



**MINUTES
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX MEASURE
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (MEASURE R) MEETING**

May 15, 2024

City of Watsonville
City Administration Offices
275 Main Street, Top Floor

5:34 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Sanchez, Vice Chair Vazquez Flores, Committee Members Kammer (arrived at 6:05 p.m.), Meldahl, Melgoza (arrived at 5:54 p.m), Quiroz-Gutierrez, and Youth Representative Brandon (arrived at 5:36 p.m.) were present. Member Valentin was absent.

Staff members present were Assistant City Manager Vides, City Clerk Ortiz, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, Administrative Services Director Duran, Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg, Library Director Martinez, Deputy City Clerk Renteria, and Deputy City Clerk Pacheco.

2. PRESENTATIONS & ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

2.1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC & COMMITTEE – None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2023

3.2. MOTION SETTING NOVEMBER 6, 2024 & MAY 21, 2025, AS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX MEASURE

MOTION: It was moved by Vice Chair Vazquez Flores, seconded by Member Meldahl, and carried by the following vote to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: MEMBERS: Meldahl, Quiroz-Gutierrez, Vazquez Flores, Sanchez
NOES: MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: MEMBERS: Kammer, Melgoza, Valentin

4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – None

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR PURSUANT TO SECTION 9 OF RESOLUTION NO. 116-23 (CM)

a) Nomination of Chair

Chair Sanchez nominated Member Vazquez Flores as Chair.

b) MOTION: It was moved by Chair Sanchez, seconded by Member Meldahl and carried by the following vote to elect Vice Chair Vazquez-Flores as Chair.

AYES: MEMBERS: Meldahl, Quiroz-Gutierrez, Vazquez Flores, Sanchez
NOES: MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: MEMBERS: Kammer, Melgoza, Valentin

c) Nomination of Vice Chair

Chair Vazquez Flores nominated Member Meldahl as Vice Chair.

d) MOTION: It was moved by Chair Vazquez-Flores, seconded by Member Sanchez and carried by the following vote to elect Member Meldahl as Vice-Chair.

AYES: MEMBERS: Meldahl, Quiroz-Gutierrez, Sanchez, Vazquez Flores
NOES: MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: MEMBERS: Kammer, Melgoza, Valentin

5.2. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2024-25

a) Staff Report by Administrative Services Director Duran

b) Committee Members Questions & Input

In answering Member Quiroz-Gutierrez, Administrative Services Director Duran spoke about funding sources for the Ramsay Park renovation project.

Administrative Services Director Duran, in answering Chair Vazquez Flores, spoke about when a potential ballot measure that could affect Measure R would take effect, should it pass.

In answering Youth Representative Brandon, Administrative Services Director Duran provided information regarding the cost of hiring temporary versus full-time staff.

c) Public Input – None

d) MOTION: It was moved by Member Sanchez, seconded by Member Quiroz-Gutierrez and carried by the following vote to accept the Financial Report for FY 2023-24 and the Proposed Draft Budget for FY 24-25.

AYES: MEMBERS: Meldahl, Quiroz-Gutierrez, Sanchez, Vazquez- Flores
NOES: MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: MEMBERS: Kammer, Melgoza, Valentin

5.3. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT STATUS UPDATE FOR FY 2023-2024

a) Staff Report by Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg

b) Committee Members Questions & Input

In answering Member Quiroz-Gutierrez, Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg spoke about maintenance efforts at the levee and funding sources for other work at the levee.

Assistant City Manager Vides, in answering Member Sanchez, spoke about road improvement efforts on Green Valley Road and where the City limits in that area ended.

In answering Chair Vazquez Flores, Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg spoke about maintenance of slough trails and options for residents to report concerns.

Assistant City Manager Vides stated the value of Measure R funding in addressing trail maintenance.

In answering Youth Representative Brandon, Public Works & Utilities Director Lindberg spoke about exploring solutions to address littering concerns along the trails.

c) Public Input – None

d) MOTION: It was moved by Member Sanchez, seconded by Vice Chair Meldahl and carried by the following vote to accept the Operations Report from the Public Works & Utilities Department for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

AYES: MEMBERS: Meldahl, Melgoza, Quiroz-Gutierrez, Sanchez,
Vazquez-Flores

NOES: MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: MEMBERS: Valentin

ABSTAIN: MEMBERS: Kammer

5.4. PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS UPDATE FOR FY 2023-24

a) Staff Report by Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib

b) Committee Members Questions & Input

Member Kammer thanked Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib and spoke about the positive impact of Measure R on parks and trails improvements.

In answering Member Sanchez, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib spoke about exploring options to expand availability of open spaces for community use.

Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, in answering Youth Representative Brandon, spoke about the conversion of some tennis courts to pickleball courts. He spoke about the potential for expanding programs for teenage youth and offering programs in additional locations to increase accessibility.

In answering Member Quiroz-Gutierrez, Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib spoke about having sufficient staff to provide services to all youth.

Parks & Community Services Director Calubaquib, in answering Member Melgoza, stated the Parks Assessment Report would be made available to the public. He spoke about potential for hosting sports tournaments at Ramsay Park after the renovation was completed.

c) Public Input – None

d) MOTION: It was moved by Member Kammer, seconded by Member Quiroz-Gutierrez and carried by the following vote to accept the Operations Report from the Parks & Community Services Department for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Kammer, Meldahl, Melgoza Quiroz-Gutierrez, Sanchez, Vazquez-Flores
NOES:	MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	Valentin

5.5. LIBRARY DEPARTMENT STATUS UPDATE FOR FY 2023-2024

a) Staff Report by Administrative Services Director Duran

b) Committee Members Questions & Input

In answering Vice Chair Meldahl and Chair Vazquez Flores, Library Director Martinez spoke about access points and hours of operation for the rooftop addition planned for the Library and other potential improvements.

Library Director Martinez, in answering Youth Representative Brandon, spoke about efforts to increase advertising for Library programs and events and expand accessibility. She spoke about exploring funding opportunities to continue increasing services.

In answering Member Sanchez, Library Director Martinez stated she was exploring the possibility of expanded access and extended hours for the public. She spoke about the lending laptop program.

Library Director Martinez, in answering Member Kammer, spoke about the potential to expand programs and services and technology integration to improve services.

c) Public Input – None

d) MOTION: It was moved by Member Kammer, seconded by Vice Chair Meldahl and carried by the following vote to accept the Operations Report from the Watsonville Public Library for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

AYES:	MEMBERS:	Kammer, Meldahl, Melgoza Quiroz-Gutierrez, Sanchez, Vazquez-Flores
NOES:	MEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	MEMBERS:	Valentin

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Beatriz Vazquez-Flores, Chair

ATTEST:

Alejandra Pacheco, Deputy City Clerk

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