

The Citizens Oversight Committee of the City of Westminster, California convened on April 5, 2108 at 11:06 a.m. in a Special Meeting in the Administrative Conference Room located at 8200 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, California.

**11:00 A.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**ROLL CALL:** DIANA CAREY, CHARLIE NGUYEN, VANESSA PEARSON, RUTH PIKER, RONALD ST. JOHN

**PRESENT:** CAREY, NGUYEN, PEARSON, PIKER, ST. JOHN

**ABSENT:** NONE

**STAFF PRESENT:** Finance Director Sherry Johnson, Assistant Finance Director Erin Backs, Senior Staff Accountant Aisha Rodriguez

**SALUTE TO FLAG:** Chair Carey

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** No one was present to speak.

**1. Special Presentations**

Finance Director Sherry Johnson gave a presentation on the Mid-Year Review and latest Measure SS receipt update. Committee Member Piker asks for clarification on the amount received as well as confirmation that the amount was less than expected.

Discussion ensued among the Committee about how this reduced tax amount affects the budget since the City has already begun filling positions and whether or not funds are being added to reserves. Pearson requested the current balance of the reserve fund.

Discussion then ensued among the Committee about the special election regarding the Mayoral term. Chair Carey stated that the Committee can make a statement to the Council about the misuse of SS funds for the special election. Committee discussed how the funds from Measure SS should be used for hiring and retaining Police personnel by way of minor salary increases and signing bonuses. Committee Member Pearson asked if there is a goal of where the City wants to be at the 6 year sunset.

Finance Director Sherry Johnson states that the Committee is welcome to speak at the Mid-Year Budget Study Session on April 13<sup>th</sup> in the Mariam Warne building. Discussion ensued about what to tell the Council at the study session.

Motion was made by Committee Member Piker and seconded by Committee Member Pearson to have Chair Carey attend the study session on April 13<sup>th</sup> and state that the committee is happy with the hiring so far but has concerns about the special election and to also mention the future effects of pensions on the City and to be careful with high projections of SS funds falling short.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CAREY, PEARSON, PIKER, ST. JOHN  
ABSTAIN: NGUYEN

**2. Approval of the Minutes from the Special Meeting of the Citizens Oversight Committee on January 18, 2018**

Motion was made by Committee Member Nguyen, and seconded by Committee Member Piker to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2018 meeting as is.

The motion carried by the following vote:

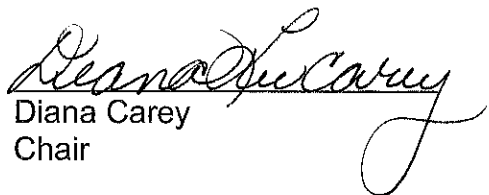
AYES: CAREY, NGUYEN, PEARSON, PIKER, ST. JOHN  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

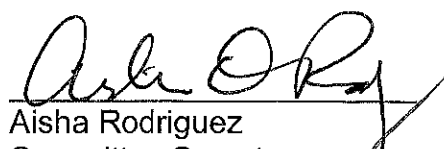
**3. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:**

Chair Carey requests an update of the OCFA contract and Committee Member Piker asks for an update on the mall and Economic Development.

**4. OVERSIGHT BOARD OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Carey adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

  
Diana Carey  
Chair

  
Aisha Rodriguez  
Committee Secretary