



RESIDENT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Minutes

City of Barstow Council Chambers
220 East Mountain View Street, Barstow, CA 92311
(Public comments conducted via teleconference due to the COVID1-19 crisis)

June 24, 2020
5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Leonard Williams called the meeting of the Resident Oversight Commission (ROC) to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Leonard Williams	Chairman	Present	
Kimberly Johnson	Commissioner	Present	
Barbara Rose	Commissioner	Absent	
John Williams	Commissioner	Present	
Vacant	Commissioner	Vacant	

3. Approval of Agenda

RESULT: APPROVED [3-0-2-0]
MOVER: John Williams, Commissioner
SECONDER: Kimberly Johnson, Commissioner
AYES: J. Williams, L. Williams, Johnson
ABSENT/VACANT: Rose/One

- 4. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting – May 19, 2020

RESULT: APPROVED [3-0-2-0]
MOVER: John Williams, Commissioner
SECONDER: Leonard Williams, Chairman
AYES: J. Williams, L. Williams, Johnson
ABSENT/VACANT: Rose/One

- 5. Ongoing Business
 - a. None

- 6. New Business
 - a. Financial Report – Fiscal Year 2019-2020 – 3rd Quarter

Commissioner J. Williams asked for clarification on the \$400,000 Cost Allocation item which is budgeted at \$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Assistant City Manager Cindy Prothro explained the cost allocation plan for Measure Q and the services from the General Fund that are performed to support Measure Q.

Commissioner J. Williams suggested that the Cost Allocation item be explained more clearly to the public in a format that they can understand. City Manager Nikki Salas discussed an analogy similar to how a franchisee (i.e. McDonalds) pays a franchise fee to a corporate office for ancillary services associated with running a business such as human resources, accounts payable, marketing, suppliers, etc.

Commissioner J. Williams commended the City Manager, Assistant City Manager and Police Chief for deferring any salary and benefit increases for the next two fiscal years.

City Manager Salas discussed public safety personnel and equipment changes in the 3rd quarter including five new police officer trainees and eight new police vehicles.

Chairman L. Williams asked about the status of the inmate transportation company. City Manager Salas stated that the program is approved, but unfunded due to COVID-19 related budget cuts. She also discussed other Measure Q public safety items that were approved by the City Council, but spending has been deferred until the COVID-19 crisis is over and revenues stabilize again.

Commissioner J. Williams asked for crime statistics. City Manager Salas stated that staff can provide statistics.

Commissioner Johnson asked how the public is informed of Measure Q purchases. City Manager Salas stated that every accounts payable item including Measure Q related items are approved by the City Council and are available to the public for review. Commissioner J. Williams asked that the remaining funds available in Measure Q be included in the financial reports.

City Manager Salas stated that the Executive Assistant position will remain unfunded until it can be supported by the General Fund. She also stated that Executive Assistant Christina Rudsell will move into the City Clerk Services Manager position effective July 1, 2020 and will still continue to support the ROC.

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SECONDER: Kimberly Johnson, Commissioner
AYES: J. Williams, L. Williams, Johnson
ABSENT/VACANT: Rose/One

7. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner J. Williams expressed concern about other Commissioners speaking negatively about the ROC which can have significant consequences. He requested more information on the policy for removing Commissioners that slander the ROC. He also apologized to Chairman L. Williams for any past issues. He also expressed concern about the public stating that Barstow Youth Football receives more Measure Q funding because of him being on the ROC. He stated that the cost for providing new helmets to all participants is high for the first year and it is not fair for the league to decide which participants get a new helmet and who does not. He also commended Parks and Recreation Superintendent Kyle Wooley for organizing the sports user group meeting, Chairman L. Williams for taking the time to update the community on Measure Q and stated that he is proud to be a part of the ROC.

Commissioner Johnson stated that she feels like she has heard some of the recent events for the first time and would like to find a way to be more privy to information that is being spread throughout the community. She also commended staff for being transparent and with not taking any pay increases. She stated that the ROC is making progress and she is proud to be a member.

Chairman L. Williams stated that he takes his role on the ROC serious and he tries to convey Measure Q information that he receives to the public so that they understand. Although he does not always agree with the City's decisions, he enjoys his role on the ROC and helping the community to have a clear picture of Measure Q.

8. Staff Comments

City Manager Salas discussed the upcoming fiscal year in review that will be presented to the City Council in July which will also include a section on Measure Q. She also discussed recent Measure Q sidewalk repairs.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Wooley provided an update on recreation programs and services during the COVID-19 crisis.

9. Public Comment

Mayor Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre commended staff for their efforts and the ROC for advocating for Measure Q.

10. Suggested Items for the Next Agenda

- a. Financial Report – Fiscal Year 2019-2020 – 4th Quarter
- b. Parks and Recreation Update

11. Next Meeting Date

September 30, 2020 at 5 pm.

12. Adjourn

By consensus of the ROC, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

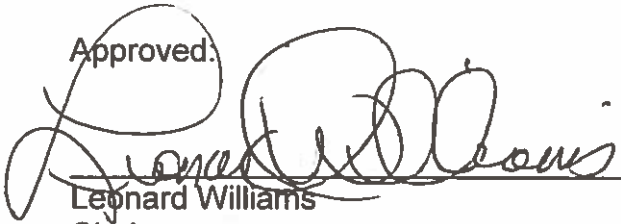
Respectfully Submitted:



Christina Rudsell
Acting City Clerk Services Manager

9.30.2020
Date

Approved:



Leonard Williams
Chairperson

30 Sept 2020
Date