

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: ROBERT SCHREEDER, CHIEF OF POLICE
SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE MEASURE O IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
FOR POLICE

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Finance and Police Department and the Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee that the Council amend, by resolution, the Transaction and Use Tax Implementation Plan to appropriate \$390,282 of the Measure O Police fund reserves in Fiscal Year 2018/19 to purchase and install a dispatch console system.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

City staff is proposing changes to the FY 2018/19 Measure O Police Transaction and Use Tax Implementation Plan (Implementation Plan). For FY 2018/19, staff proposes to utilize Measure O Police fund reserves to assist in funding the purchase and installation of a dispatch console system for the police department. The current system is obsolete, over 30 years old and is no longer reliable. The plan was reviewed and approved by the Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee at the December 5, 2018 meeting. There are no changes to the FY 2018/19 Implementation Plan for the Fire department or the Violence Prevention Partnership.

BACKGROUND

Ordinance 3680 added Chapter 3-26 to the Santa Rosa City Code establishing a special transactions and use tax. The special tax measure, known as Measure O, increased sales tax by a quarter percent to fund specific Police, Fire, and Gang Prevention/Intervention programs, as set forth in the Ordinance.

An Implementation Plan was created on September 21, 2004, by Resolution No. 26069, which outlines the uses and purposes for which the special tax revenues may be used over time. The Implementation Plan has been revised several times since the original plan was adopted in 2004. In order to amend the Implementation Plan, the Ordinance requires six affirmative votes of the Council.

On November 10, 2015, the City Council approved a new format for the Implementation Plan, consisting of current and forecast budget amounts for all Measure O programs. This new Implementation Plan forecasts Measure O program budgets through Fiscal Year 2024-25.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

The Council has amended the Implementation Plan multiple times since the initial plan was adopted in 2004.

ANALYSIS

The Implementation Plan outlines Measure O program expenditures, including salaries, benefits, operational costs, and specific program line items. These costs are reflective of the annual budget and are forecasted through Fiscal Year 2024/25. The Police department is proposing a mid-year change to the Implementation Plan that will take effect immediately, requiring the approval of both the Citizens Oversight Committee and City Council. By appropriating reserves from the Police Measure O fund, the FY2018/19 budget as well as the future years forecasted amounts will change.

The Police Department is in need of replacing its obsolete dispatch console system which is over 30 years old and is no longer reliable. Staff is requesting approval to appropriate \$390,282 from Police Measure O fund reserves for the Communications Systems Upgrade project. Police Measure O fund has an adequate balance to support the appropriations and staff has determined that this is a reasonable use of the Measure O funds. On December 5, 2018, staff presented these changes to the Implementation Plan to the Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee. The Committee has reviewed and approved the proposed changes to the Implementation Plan for the Police department and recommended the amended Implementation Plan be forwarded to the City Council for approval with a vote of 6-1.

The Fire department and Violence Prevention Partnership have no changes and will not be amending their portion of the Implementation Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Implementation Plan has no fiscal impact to the General Fund. By approving the Police Implementation Plan change, the FY 2018/19 Police Measure O fund budget will be increased, the projected year-end fund balance will be reduced, and future years forecasts will be impacted. These future year forecasts are for informational purposes only and will fluctuate year to year with changes to the budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is

not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposed changes to the Implementation Plan were reviewed by the Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee on December 5, 2018. The Measure O Citizens Oversight Committee recommends that the Council, by Resolution, amend the Police Department's Implementation Plan.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution
- Exhibit A

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