



APPROVING ORDINANCE(S) TO (1) AMEND MEASURE O AND (2) AMEND MEASURE P TO EXTEND, FOR EIGHT YEARS, A ¼-CENT GENERAL TRANSACTION AND USE TAX

City Council Meeting

August 2, 2016

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BACKGROUND

- On July 19, 2016, the City Council provided direction on the ballot measure(s) it wishes to present to the voters on November 8, 2016 that would amend Measures O and P. Before submitting those proposed amendments to the voters, the Council must approve those amendments by way or ordinance.

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- In addition, on July 19, 2016, the Council directed staff to complete additional research and analysis of the community sentiment based on changed ballot language and possibly combining the two tax measure amendments into one measure.

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- Under state law, the proposed amendment to Measure P to extend the expiration date of the ¼ cent sales tax requires approval by five Councilmembers. The proposed amendment to Measure O to adjust the annual public safety spending level requirements established in that measure requires approval by four Councilmembers.

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- In the event the Council chooses to combine these amendments into a single ordinance, that ordinance would require the approval of five Councilmembers to meet the state law requirement for that portion of the combined ordinance approving an extension of the Measure P sales tax.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager and the Finance Department that the Council (1) receive the results from additional polling recently conducted by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates (FM3), Inc., and

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(2) approve on first reading one or more ordinances to amend (a) Measure O, to modify the baseline spending level for certain public safety purposes, and (b) Measure P, to extend for eight years the $\frac{1}{4}$ cent sales tax to generate revenues for the City's General Fund. Council approval of these ordinances is the first step for submitting those ordinances for approval by the voters at the November 8, 2016 election.

Questions?