



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Rebecca Pendergrass, Director of Administrative Services/ACM

SUBJECT: “Measure A” Public Safety Sales Tax – Annual Report

Council will review staff’s Measure A report for fiscal year 2022-23.

BACKGROUND:

Passed by voters in November 2016, Measure A provides additional funding for public safety, with priority (the first \$300,000) to Fire Department capital equipment needs. City officials promised voters that an annual report would be published showing the amount of funds received and how the funds were spent. The report is reviewed and approved by Council as part of the close-out of the fiscal year (July 2022 – June 2023).

Revenue is raised through a local ½¢ sales tax. The tax was implemented at retail transactions starting April 1, 2017. FY22-23 marks the sixth full fiscal year of Measure A. Revenue in excess of expenditures in any one fiscal year is accrued as a reserve in the fund, then available for use in years in which planned or [potential] emergency expenditures exceed that year’s revenues.

ANALYSIS:

The report summarizes the fiscal year’s activity, showing actual revenues compared to actual expenditures. The budget forecasted \$1,300,000 in revenue from taxes. In fact, \$1,528,590.19 was received in tax revenue, 17.5% better than estimated.

The amended budget authorized \$1,211,396 in expenditures including \$603k for Fire, \$475k for Police, and \$133k for Public Works. The Police Department was unable to order the two budgeted patrol vehicles due to supply issues and expects to order them in the current fiscal year. Council authorized the total payoff of the ladder truck at their November 1, 2022, meeting, increasing the original budgeted payment from \$76,698 to \$297,466. The City budgeted the use of existing set aside funds in Measure A to pay for engine 27 outright. The original purchase price was \$820,722 but was partially offset by a USDA grant in the amount of \$273,700.

The City of Orland now owns all fire apparatus outright and has no outstanding debt for fire department related equipment.

Staff seeks Council acceptance of the report. Once accepted by Council, the Measure A report will be published to the community and available online at the City website.

Attachment: Proposed "Measure A" Public Safety Sales Tax Report FY22-23

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the proposed "Measure A" Public Safety Sales Tax Annual Report for FY22-23.

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION:

None.