# Financial Sustainability Task Force Draft Meeting Summary for October 30, 2013

Attending:

Panel Members:			
Pierson Clair	✓	Ryan Mudie	
Scott Ramsey	✓	Christopher Tracy	✓
Tyler Shillito	✓	Toby Murray	✓
Eve Bowen		Andrew Buelow	✓
Jenny Harris	✓	Roberta Marsh	✓
Reggie Frederick	✓	Lyle Quasim	✓
Ken Kingsbury	✓	Allan Trinkwald	
Lois Bernstein	✓	Troy Goodman	✓
Jim Leonard	✓	Gary Gilchrist	
Alternate Members:	•		
William King		Kit Evans	
Budd Wagner		Nick Leider	
Ruth Smith		Bill Dickens	
Matt Frank		Bruce Kendall	
Terry Krause		Mary Byrne	
Brian Haynes		David Schroedel	✓
		Emily Hall	✓
Staff and Others <sup>1</sup> :			
Karen Reed (facilitator)	✓	Danielle Larson	✓
Andy Cherullo	✓	Tyler Aitken	✓
Tadd Wille	✓	Teresa Green	✓
Ebony Peebles	✓	Evette Mason	✓
Susan Ramirez	✓	Jim Sant	✓

**Welcome and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

Karen Reed, the facilitator, reviewed the agenda. Karen thanked everyone for completing the ballots. A brief discussion was held regarding the TNT article regarding the Utility Tax ballot vote initiative. The TNT article stated that the Fiscal Sustainability Task Force was currently working on solutions including the potential to cover road and street expenses. Karen asked members if they were inclined to respond in their final report. After discussion, the Task Force members decided not to address the TNT article or the Utility Tax initiative, as they are outside the scope of the Task Force.

### Review and Approval of Today's Agenda, Housekeeping Items

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Only those individuals sitting at the head table or giving presentations to the Task Force are included on this list. A number of other staff attended the meeting.

Karen presented the agenda.

**Approval of Meeting Summary.** The meeting summary from Meeting 8 was reviewed. A request was made to add David Schroedel to meeting attendees. The minutes were approved as amended.

## Response to questions from meeting 8.

Discussion continued regarding questions on the Convention Center budget and usage. Staff had sent an email with the Convention Center's historic expenditures, revenues and usage. Andy noted the debt service for the Convention Center is complex due to the City issuing debt for both the Convention Center and several parking garages within one debt issuance. He explained that the Convention Center is a subsidized function of the general fund and from a review of the documents at the time of its construction; it had been intended to be that way from inception. He asked whether there were additional questions and none were asked.

#### **Discussion: Task Force Report and Recommendations**

Karen reviewed the key points proposed for inclusion in the executive summary. Suggestions were made for various changes. The proposed Task Force report outline was discussed. A suggestion was made to include information about the diversity of the Task Force membership, as well as a note there was good consensus building. The group then reviewed the document presenting a draft of the Task Force recommendations. Several wording changes were suggested. Karen will incorporate the changes into the task force draft report.

The group discussed how they would like to communicate with the City as a follow-up to the report. It was agreed that the Panel Co-Chairs should seek to present their findings to the Government Performance and Finance Committee. The Panel would like to be reconvened in 2014 to meet with the Mayor and City Manager, prior to the City Council budget policy setting meeting. In addition, the Panel would like to meet with the full Council early in the budget deliberations next fall.

Karen will make the changes to the report and send the draft to the Task Force a few days prior to the next meeting on November 13.

# Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.