

City of Albuquerque

Public Safety Tax Advisory Board

MEETING: September 17, 2024, 5:30 pm, One Civic Plaza Dr NW, Albuquerque NM 87102, 10th Floor DFAS Large Conference Room

CHAIR, Robert, "Bob", Martinez

BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Rodney E Bowe, Ms. Deborah L Kuidis, Mr. Robert Martinez, Mr. Kenneth J Pascoe, Ph.D,

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE STAFF: Lisa Lopez Executive Assistant, Lawrence Davis, Budget Officer and Deputy Director DFAS

GUESTS: Christopher Sylvan, City Council

Zoom Information: None

MINUTES

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
 - a. 5:32 pm by Chairman Robert Martinez
- 2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA
 - a. Updates / Changes
 - i. Add Public Comment for this and all future agendas
 - 1. No public comment during this meeting
 - ii. Add a standing Zoom link for all future meetings for public availability
 - 1. A zoom will be set up for all future meetings.
 - b. Motion to approve agenda with suggested changes: Mr. Pascoe
 - c. Second the motion: Ms. Kuidis
 - d. All board members in favor Motion Passed with above updates
 - e. Introductions of all board members and staff in attendance.
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES
 - a. Prior meeting held on May 21,2024.
 - b. Chairman Martinez Inquired if there are any questions or changes or discussion to the provided draft minutes from May 21, 2024. None were brought up.
 - c. Motion to approve draft minutes from May 21, 2024 Mr. Bowe
 - d. Second the motion: Mr. Pascoe
 - e. All board members in favor Motion Passed
- 4. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Thank you for recent support and prayers on the loss of Mr. Martinez's wife.

- b. Board Vacancy Discussion Member of the Board that is vacant is the member that has financial experience or expertise in law enforcement. Staff Member Lisa Lopez will follow up with the Mayor's office on the status of this vacancy.
- c. Presentation request from each department Details of request found in the discussion of the budget amounts discussion.
- MEETING SCHEDULE TO BE SET UP.
 - a. 3rd Tuesday of each month until further notice. Corrected to the 2nd Tuesday of each month until further notice.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Internal Audit Report 2019 19-104 dated 6/27/19
 - i. Has there been any audit follow ups?
 - ii. Ms. Kuidis would like the more details on the portion of the audit that states there are not well-defined terms on crime prevention and intervention. Would like Internal Audit and the Departments to address this.
 - iii. Request to be sent to the Internal Audit Department to inquire status of any follow ups that may have been done.
 - 1. Would like to include: Audit process for these follow ups
 - iv. Need clarification on how the funds are being spent. The board needs a clear understanding so that they can make the needed recommendations that are required by January 1, 2025. - These decisions and recommendations need to be informed and knowledgeable.
- b. FY25 Budget PSTAB amounts
 - i. Chairman Martinez inquired what the percentage is of tax collected goes to the PSTAB amounts? Per \$100 or %?
 - 1. Budget Officer Davis ¼ cent. Review of past and expected amounts.
 - a. FY 25 Budget Document Page 38 of the PDF or P32 of the actual document: \$54,053,083 of the estimated budget of \$799,459,776.00 or approximately 6.7% 6.8 Cents of every dollar of the budget is PST estimation https://www.cabq.gov/dfa/documents/fy25-approved-budget-final-numbered-hyperlinks-7-31-2024.pdf
 - b. Fiscal Year 24 estimated amount was \$55 million.
 - i. Firm Audit numbers should be available in October.
 - ii. Chairman Martinez requested to have a representative from each of the recipient departments to present how the department is using the money. – The board agreed that we should go back to Fiscal Year 2022 to current.
 - iii. Mr. Bowe includes that he wants to know success rates of these contracts / programs that are being funding by the tax. Youth and Family should have a member that is knowledgeable about the contracts included in the presentation.
 - iv. Ms. Kuidis would like to know if there are ever unused / unspent funds and how those funds are handled.
 - Discussion on how unspent funds that are part of the General Fund are handled - Mr. Davis explained that those funds are absorbed by the general funds and then used as needed
 - 2. Mr. Davis further explained total City Budget for the entire City Refer to the posted approved budget online at cabq.gov.

- 3. Request to City Council Mr. Sylvan if there are further plans on how the funds are to be spent after the initial plan.
- v. Mr. Davis did explain that AFR, APD and Prison Transport would be mostly spent on salaries.
 - 1. Question and Discussion regarding APD's number of officers and the number of officers funded Funds moved to operating funds and if we ever get fully staffed the funding will be found.
 - 2. Overtime is not funded by the tax
 - 3. Questions regarding prisoner Transport Mr. Davis would like to have the department clarify but gave a general overview of process that Transport officers take them to and from MDC. Mr. Sylvan clarified that they are not sworn officers but are certified to carry a gun.
 - 4. Ms. Kuidis inquired on the number of firefighters are funded Mr. Davis gave estimated of 821 full time employees but this includes support staff and 617 emergency services etc.
- vi. Would like to have ACS in attendance to demonstrate if they have a need and what the need would consist of.
- vii. Mr. Chris Sylvan from City Council inquired if CARES or ARPA funds affected the spend of the PST during any of those years. Mr. Davis explained that the funds stayed about the same. The CARES funds did not affect the spend.
- viii. Inquiry on how ACS and APD split funding and ACS assumption of many public safety tasks that were under APD.
- c. Statistics / Metrics on the demographics on crime in the various districts of the City
 - i. Crime report Jan to June 2024 provided to board members via email.

7. NEXT MEETING

a. October 15, 2024 5:30 pm – Corrected date – October 8, 2024.

8. ADJOURN MEETING

a. Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Kuidisb. Second the Motion: Mr. Bowe

c. All board members in favor: Motion Passed

d. Meeting adjourned at: 6:38 pm