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**The Willows Finance and Measure I Oversight Committee (FMIOC)
Holds its First Townhall Meeting!**

(Willows, CA) – On Tuesday, April 15, at 5:30 pm the FMIOC will hold its second quarterly meeting and its first townhall meeting to discuss the City’s budget and Measure I, the 1.5% sales tax measure approved by Willows voters in November 2024.

“Now is the time for every citizen to engage with the city and share their vision for Willows’ future. This Town Hall Meeting is your meeting. As a Councilmember, I advocated for this committee so the citizens may voice their opinions and share their feelings about what our community truly needs. I strongly encourage your attendance to share your positive thoughts and ideas for our city’s future,” commented Vice-Mayor Thomas.

According to FMIOC’s bylaws, the April meeting will review and discuss Measure I revenues and expenditures, as well as recommend to the full Council any Measure I expenditures to include in the next fiscal year’s budget. That said, the City will not receive any Measure I revenues until July 2025. Therefore, this meeting will focus on anticipated projections based on the city’s sales tax revenue history. In addition, the city anticipates that the tail end of FY 2024-25 and the first half of FY 2025-26 to be financially lean because of the City’s General Fund Reserve draw down and delayed sales tax measure revenue receipt (e.g., Measure I approved in November 2024; however, first new sales tax check not received until July 2025).

When asked to comment on the upcoming meeting, Councilmember Busby had this to say, “I am really excited about the upcoming Town Hall meeting! The City of Willows is at one of the most important moments in recent history, and now is the time to get involved and ensure that it’s one you have input on. This is the place to make requests, recommendations, or suggestions toward Willows’ next chapter. I hope to see you there to continue a positive dialogue about and input on Measure I !”

At the beginning of the meeting, staff will provide a brief presentation and overview of the City’s budget and sales tax progress, as well as anticipated projected revenues from the new sales tax.

MEETING DETAILS:

- **Event:** FMIOC Townhall Meeting – City Budget & Measure I
- **Date:** Tuesday, April 15, 2024
- **Time:** 5:30 pm
- **Location:** Willows City Hall – City Council Chambers

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