Minutes of the March 4, 2026
Regular Meeting of the Proposition Action
Implementation and Oversight Committee

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of March 4, 2026, Proposition Action Implementation and Oversight Committee was called to order by Kim Cox at 4:01 PM.

Roll Call: Present: CB Eastman, Cleo Copeland, Kim Cox, Jim Scott, Rhonda Thompson, Lisa Nelson, Betsy Mense, Cloria Turner, Rob O'Brian, Andrea Waggoner, and Dan Pekarek.

Absent: Dottie Murphy, Jhan Hurn & Mike Seibert.

City Employees: Present: City Manager Nick Edwards, Finance Director Leslie Haase, MarCom Director Drew Douglass, Director of Planning & Zoning Troy Bolander, Felicia Urban.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Rob O'Brian motioned to approve minutes as is. Rhonda Thompson seconded motion. Minutes passed as is unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Use Tax Revenue: Finance Director Leslie Haase provided an update on Use Tax revenue and reviewed informational packet with the committee. Revenues reported through February, reflecting primarily December activity, showed strong performance. Overall fiscal year revenues are currently up approximately 17 percent, representing an increase of about $288,820. Staff answered questions from the committee.

Department Director Updates on Action Plan Progress: An update was provided on several infrastructure and property-related matters, including progress on a project requiring coordination with a railroad entity, which is expected to take several months due to approval requirements. Another previously discussed project is largely complete with only final retainage remaining.

A presentation was given on community revitalization efforts, including an overview of staffing and organizational structure supporting neighborhood improvement initiatives. Staff highlighted ongoing work addressing property maintenance issues, dangerous structures, and demolition efforts. A total of 94 properties has been identified within the program, with 59 structures demolished during the previous year. Plans are underway to adopt the 2024 International Building Code.

Housing initiatives were also discussed, including programs providing assistance for home purchases, property repairs, and neighborhood improvements. A contractor incentive program encouraging the construction of new homes on vacant or deteriorated properties has resulted in approximately 24 new homes, with limited program funding remaining. A home repair assistance program funded at approximately $2 million has received over 130 applications, with numerous projects already underway.

Members noted visible improvements within neighborhoods as a result of these programs, including property repairs and reinvestment in previously deteriorating homes. Communication strategies were briefly discussed, with emphasis on continuing to inform residents about program successes through newsletters, videos, and social media.

A grant funding update followed, highlighting multiple completed projects, including improvements to water infrastructure, public safety equipment, cybersecurity, airport facilities, and recreational amenities. Several additional projects remain in progress, including stormwater improvements, roadway projects, trail development, and streetscape enhancements.

The total value of active and completed grant-funded projects was reported at approximately $97.3 million, with nearly $57.8 million in grant awards. Approximately $37.1 million has already been reimbursed, with the remaining funds expected to be drawn down as projects are completed.

The meeting concluded with discussion about providing a public progress update on initiatives originally identified through community listening sessions and strategic planning efforts, emphasizing transparency and communication with residents.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Submitted,

Felicia Urban

Felicia Urban, Secretary