



**CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (PUBLIC SAFETY)  
SANGER COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MINUTES  
April 7, 2015**

**Regular Meeting – 6:00 P.M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER 6:00:25 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice-Chair Steinhauer led the flag salute.

**C. ROLL CALL**

Committee Members Present: Adams, Gonzales, Simpson, Steinhauer, Villalobos

Committee Members Absent: None

**D. CEREMONIAL ITEMS 6:01:29 PM**

None

**E. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS 6:01:35 PM**

None

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. SUBJECT: Minutes for March 3, 2015 meeting

Committee Member Gonzales moved to approve the minutes as presented, Committee Member Simpson seconded, all in favor; motion carried.

**G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. SUBJECT: Financial Statements – Measure S and Capital Outlay Schedule for the year to date ended February 28, 2015.

Director Sultan presented the financial statements for Measure S and Capital outlay for the year to date ended February 28, 2015. She reported that according to Muni Services' review that we are on schedule to meet revenues as projected.

2. SUBJECT: Measure S Expenditure Plan Discussion 6:07:05 PM

Director Sultan provided an update to the 10 year expenditure plan.

In respect to the positions shown in Measure S, Secretary Adams stated that at the recent Council meeting Council had stated that they wanted to maintain the staffing levels. Director Sultan stated if we can control other expenses – capital and other misc. expenses, expenditures including gang/drug intervention/prevention, training, the plan is to work toward moving officers/firefighters slowly from Measure S to the general fund. Secretary Adams asked when the plan will start. Director Sultan stated probably not until Fiscal Year 2016-17. Secretary Adams asked about equipment that was previously projected/planned over the next few years. Director Sultan stated that both Chiefs are aware of the need to look at minimizing expenses.

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Chairperson Villalobos stated that former Councilmember Rodney Nielson stated back in 2009 that the city needed to start pulling staff off of Measure S. Director Sultan stated that revenues in the General Fund could not sustain the expense. Chairperson Villalobos asked what the plan is if Measure S is not renewed. Director Sultan stated that Fiscal Year 18-19 would be the first year in which layoffs would occur if revenues are not increased dramatically in General Fund. She further stated that the key is to tighten expenditures now in Measure S to better sustain the fund balance over a longer period of time.

The question was raised regarding percentages of positions represented in Measure S. Director Sultan responded that 6 out of 36 in PD and 4 out of 21 in FD are funded through Measure S. Chairperson Villalobos stated that dispatch is also a consideration of Measure S and General Fund.

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The committee inquired as to how long it takes to receive property tax from new homes. Director Sultan stated it usually takes 1 to 1 ½ years.

Director Sultan stated that the review of financials tonight is informational only and that at the May meeting a formal request for setting budget will take place. Secretary Adams asked for staff's recommendation. Director Sultan stated that she will meet with both Chiefs regarding capital outlay and to review grant recommendations.

3. SUBJECT: Fire Department Update 6:22:39 PM

Chief Tarascou gave an update on the Fire Department which included: ambulances are running good, the Department is offering a few new programs such as CERT on Wednesdays, (currently looking to retrofit one of the old ambulance in support of CERT), CPR classes coming up in May, Explorer program going strong (program is funded through a grant from FEMA). Committee Member Gonzales stated he has an interest in volunteering in the CERT program.

4. SUBJECT: Police Department Update 6:25:24 PM

Chief Rodriguez gave an update on the Police Department which included: currently working on developing next year's budget which has been a challenge, assessing needs for upcoming year ensuring department has adequate tools and training to ensure effective services to the community, there were three officer promotions to Corporal, Officer Carrillo and Silva both

with about 14-15 years with Sanger PD and Officer Bise with about 10 years with Sanger, Community Outreach and Meeting held at Unity Estates, and several upcoming events for opportunity to share safety/crime tips etc.

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Secretary Adams stated that public safety is so important to the community and wants to ensure Department has the best equipment. She further thanked the Sanger Herald for the Police Log/Service Calls.

Chief Rodriguez stated that any of the Committee Members are invited to participate in ride-alongs. He also mentioned that the Police Explorers will celebrate their 1 year anniversary in a couple months (started with 18, down to about 16).

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Committee Member Gonzales inquired about the speed monitoring equipment asking for an update. Chief stated that the Department is still working with Public Works to design a better way of installing them to deter vandalism.

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Chairperson Villalobos asked for an update on how the new Ford police vehicles are working out. Chief Rodriguez stated they are working well, very comfortable and mentioned more and more agencies going to this type of sport vehicle.

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Chairperson Villalobos asked if any of the Sanger officers are designated as a Drug/Gang Prevention officer. Chief stated that all officers are encouraged to engage in prevention and engagement with kids, etc. Chief encourages all officers to engage in the community to get out of vehicles and talk with them about their concerns, etc. Chairperson Villalobos also asked about the K-9 program and if the plan for the second dog is still being considered. Chief stated that they are looking to have dual-purpose dog and will be coming back to the Committee in the near future for funding consideration.

#### ***H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*** 6:37:36 PM

Humberto Garza presented a concept paper to the Committee regarding a proposed Gang/Drug Prevention and Intervention Program. He mentioned that the concept paper was given to Mr. Haddix about a month ago. Mr. Garza is proposing that the program be run through the city directly and not through a non-profit. He is presenting the information to the Committee with the hope of receiving feedback as to whether the Committee is interested and is asking for recommendation.

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Chairperson Villalobos stated that when Mr. Garza first approached him, he encouraged Mr. Garza to work with the Schools on this concept.

Mr. Garza stated that he wants to start the program directly in the neighborhoods.

Committee Member Simpson asked if there are any programs in the city that Mr. Garza feels are working/effective. Mr. Garza stated that current program are mostly prevention which are good and recognizes that the most prevalent reason for gangs is boredom and wanting to belong. He further stated that we (Sanger) need to offer better alternatives.

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Vice Chair Steinhauer stated that the concept paper includes staffing and wanted clarification on whether these would be paid positions. Mr. Garza confirmed that they would be paid.

Mr. Garza further stated that the staff members are former gang members, prior prisoners, former drug users, all of whom have personal gang and drug experiences.

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David Mendes, Sanger citizen and homeowner approached the Committee and stated that he is the parent of 12 year old who attends WAMS. He stated that gang prevention/intervention is very important and that he is a volunteer at the SAM academy. He commented on the tremendous strive SAM has in reaching kids in the community to get involved. SAM also has curriculum to train parents to identify the signs of gang/drug use. Mr. Mendes asked the Committee to support SAM's grant proposal.

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Chairperson Villalobos brought to attention that a survey was provided in each water bill asking the community what is important for the Council to consider this next fiscal year and encouraged Mr. Mendes to voice his opinions through that mode of communication.

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Public comment was received from the school Counselor (Wilson, Del Rey, Lincoln) who has worked in education for 15 years. She was questioning what activities and services the City is currently offering as far as drug/gang prevention/intervention and referred to the DARE officer from years ago. She shared that the DARE program was productive and something along those lines would be beneficial to the community. She cited the need to work collaboratively with the school, community and city. She also mentioned the School Resource Officers is able to do these programs with funding through grants? She also mentioned the importance of looking at the numbers too – how many are being served – program effectiveness needs to include the number of kids.

Vice Chair Steinhauer confirmed that \$127K has gone to SAM, B&G Clubs, etc. for these type of programs and affirmed that very topic is what was talked about earlier in the meeting – deciding where Measure S funds should be allocated.

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Secretary Adams commented in regards to the drug/gang dollars spent through Measure S since inception in 2008 that 3.6% went toward that effort. She further commented that the funding decisions will be difficult.

## ***I. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS***

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Chief Tarascou informed the Committee that the Department is looking to put together a blood drive sometime mid-May in support of injured Fresno Fire Captain Pete Dern who sustained significant burns. He also mentioned that there is a fundraising effort for him on "Go Fund Me".

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Manager Haddix commented that this effort is reflective of the sense of family within the Fire Fighter profession. He also commented that the Sanger Police Department's outreach with Unity Estates is reflective of their engagement with the Sanger community.

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Committee Member Simpson shared that she is often asked "why is it that Sanger Fire and Police have such great equipment", her response is, "Measure S". Committee Member Simpson asked staff if there is any "fat" in the General Fund that can be cut out of the budget.

## ***J. MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

Chairperson Villalobos wanted to go on record to state "I am not in anybody's pocket and I won't be in anybody's pocket – just to be perfectly clear".

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Committee Member Gonzales stated that it appears everyone agrees that we need to be prudent in spending and recognize a need to have a gang prevention and outreach for youth. In the same token we need to be careful and take the dollars entrusted to us and stretch them as far as they can – we need to make an effort to look into this for any spare funding to help fund these programs.

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Committee Member Simpson asked how much money the Committee can consider for non-profits grant proposals. Manager Haddix responded that we are not looking for totally eradicating the funding but rather looking to move toward setting a range which in preliminary discussions was in the range of \$50-90K. He reminded the Committee that they serve as the conscious of the people and represent the buffer between the city and voters.

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Secretary Adams stated that the Grant Review Subcommittee will need to meet and will bring a recommendation to the Committee in May. Chairperson Villalobos reminded everyone that Measure S is comprised of 5 legs – police, fire, paramedic, 9-1-1, and gang/drug intervention and prevention.

***K. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING***

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 6 P.M.

***L. ADJOURNMENT*** 7:22:16 PM

Committee Member Gonzales moved to adjourn, Committee Member Simpson seconded, all were in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

*Minutes prepared by:*  
*Kristina Chamberlin, Assistant to the City Manager*

Attest:

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*Jeanne Adams, Secretary*  
*Citizen's Oversight Committee/Measure S*