



**CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (PUBLIC SAFETY)
COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Minutes

February 28, 2017

Special Meeting – 6:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee called their special meeting to order at [6:00:34 PM](#).

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Secretary Tony Gonzales led the pledge of allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Jeanne Adams, Vice Chair Sue Simpson, Secretary Tony Gonzales, Committee Member James Miser, Committee Member Joann Mares

Absent: None

D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Out of State Travel – Fire Engine Inspection.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Citizen's Oversight Committee affirm that travel costs for the inspection of the new fire engine is a required and appropriate use of Measure S funds.

Committee Member Miser said he believed placing this item on the agenda of a special meeting without prior consent and approval of the Committee constituted a Brown Act violation and left the dais at [6:10:49 PM](#).

Public comment:

Joe Villalobos, resident and former COC member, said this has been done before and approved through a department report.

Mary Burnett asked if this is a regular fire engine and not a ladder truck.

The Committee by motion of Vice Chair Simpson affirmed that travel costs for inspection of the new fire engine is a required and appropriate use of Measure S funds. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Mares and approved by the following vote:

AYES: ADAMS, SIMPSON, GONZALES, MARES
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: MISER

Committee Member Miser returned to the dais at [6:14:34 PM](#).

2. SUBJECT: Consideration of a Compliance Audit. [6:14:40 PM](#)
RECOMMENDATION: That the Citizens Oversight Committee recommend to the City Council that a compliance audit be ordered on all Measure S expenditures beginning in 2009.

Public Comment:

Mary Burnett said she had never known anything about Measure S funds being used for across the board pay raises and that pay raises are a personnel matter.

Joe Villalobos said an audit is necessary.

Donna Bailey said an audit is necessary.

Christine Erickson said an audit is necessary and perhaps funds can be used for street lights.

Levi Howlett, Sanger citizen, Sanger Firefighter and Vice President of the Sanger Firefighters Association, said it is always good to know where money is going. He said the Association members want to be open and available for any questions the Committee may have.

Henry Provost said it's time for an audit to straighten out issues that have been going on for years.

Frank Valles said that officers who are trained and qualified could use Sanger as a stepping stone to move on if pay raises are not given and that he's afraid of losing quality officers to other cities that pay more.

The Committee by motion of Member Gonzales approved the Recommendation and Resolution recommending to the City Council that a compliance audit be ordered on all Measure S expenditures beginning in 2009. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Miser and approved by the following vote:

AYES:	ADAMS, SIMPSON, GONZALES, MISER, MARES
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

E. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee by motion of Vice Chair Simpson adjourned their special meeting at [6:45:55 PM](#). The motion was seconded by Committee Member Mares and approved by the following vote:

AYES:	ADAMS, SIMPSON, GONZALES, MISER, MARES
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE