



**CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (PUBLIC SAFETY)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2018
6:00 PM
SANGER COUNCIL CHAMBER
1700 7TH STREET, SANGER**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee called their meeting to order at [6:00:20 PM](#).

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Committee Member Tony Gonzales.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Sue Simpson, Vice Chair Joann Mares, Secretary James Miser, Committee Member Tony Gonzales, Committee Member Melissa Griggs.
Absent: None

D. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

The Committee by motion of Member Gonzales approved the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Griggs and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Simpson, Mares, Miser, Gonzales, Griggs
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public comment.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes for the special meeting held on January 30, 2018 and the regular meeting held on February 6, 2018.

The Committee by motion of Member Gonzales approved the consent calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Mares and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Simpson, Mares, Miser, Gonzales, Griggs
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. **SUBJECT:** Measure S Budget, Revenue and Expenditure Reports – January 2018.

Administrative Services Director Gary Watahira, presented the Measure S Budget, Revenue and Expenditure Reports as of January 31, 2018.

Public Comment:

Donna Bailey stated she was wondering if the Committee receives a monthly bank statement to see what comes in and what checks go out.

2. **SUBJECT:** TABLED - Compliance Audit.

Administrative Services Director Gary Watahira presented on this item. The Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of himself, Member Griggs, and Member Miser, met on February 12th. They recommend the Citizen's Oversight Committee contract with Brown Armstrong CPAs.

Member Gonzales expressed concern with moving forward with Brown Armstrong CPAs. For transparency reasons Mr. Gonzales would prefer the Committee select their own CPA company instead.

Member Griggs stated, per Ordinance 1094 the Committee shall not play a formal roll in contracting. They offer advice and the Council goes off their recommendations. She feels at this stage in the audit it would be most beneficial to continue with Brown Armstrong CPAs and give them the proper parameters the Committee wants.

Brown Armstrong representative Mai Xiong was present and answered questions from the Committee.

Public Comment:

Kevin Carter stated the audit company needs to have a complete copy of Measure S and relevant ordinances.

Secretary Miser motioned to table this item for another meeting since the price may change. The motion was seconded by Member Gonzales and denied by the following vote:

AYES: Miser, Gonzales
NOES: Simpson, Mares, Griggs
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

The Committee by motion of Vice Chair Mares approved contracting with Brown Armstrong CPAs to perform additional procedures to render an opinion for a compliance audit. The motion was seconded by Member Griggs and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Simpson, Mares, Griggs
NOES: Miser, Gonzales
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

3. SUBJECT: Resolution No. 4361 – Establish Gang/Drug Prevention Services.

Administrative Services Director Gary Watahira presented on this item. He said most funds are to be allocated to community non-profit groups with the remainder going to City based programs.

Chairperson Simpson stated \$86,029 was allocated to the Police Department for their GREAT program, less than what was allocated to community organizations, which keeps them in compliance.

4. SUBJECT: Reallocation of Non-Profit Grant Funding.

Administrative Services Director Gary Watahira presented on this item. The funds that will no longer be used by Project Purple and Young Marines estimates to about \$19,000.

Chairperson Simpson stated non-profits have been asked to turn in additional scope. Everyone was cut; if they can have the additional funds before Spring Break than they can have full day programs rather than half day. The original proposal submitted has good information on how the non-profits can spend the additional funds or they can also go based pro-rata of what they received before.

Public Comment:

Steve stated the Committee would be wise to have legal counsel present during their meetings. In addition, he stated the committee should find out first where money is being allocated for Unity Estates before granting them more money.

The Committee by motion of Vice Chair Mares approved to reallocate remaining funds to Community Science Workshop, Boys and Girls Club, and Bigs and Blue using the original scope of their application and pro-rata; and for Community Resident (Unity Estates) to request their pro-rata of 25% at a later date once they have shown an updated budget spreadsheet to Administrative Services Director Gary Watahira. The motion was seconded by Member Gonzales and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Simpson, Mares, Miser, Gonzales, Griggs
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

5. SUBJECT: Police Department Update.

Chief Rodriguez reported they have a new sergeant, Joshua Johnson. In addition, with the Florida shooting they have been conducting meetings and drills with the school system. The drills will involve police, fire and the school district. There has also been a 13.89% reduction in crime from 2016 which he attributes partly to being fully staffed.

6. SUBJECT: Fire Department Update.

Chief Tarascou reported that the department received the ambulance they purchased. It's currently being stocked with the necessary equipment and will be presented to the City Council during their March 15th meeting.

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Chief Tarascou announced they will be having their Coffee with the Chief event on March 27th at 7:30 am at Starbucks. He said first cup of coffee is free.

I. MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Gonzales wished to go on record that if they pay for the audit for Measure S they will not be in compliance with Measure S purpose.

Member Griggs stated during the Ad-Hoc meeting Mr. Watahira provided a chart that showed in 2013-2015 the City decided to use Measure S to pay a police contract. They later decided against it and would now like to know if the money was ever put back into the Measure S budget.

Secretary Miser stated some may have seen his letter to the editor and said he stands behind that. Also, other grants going into public safety have decreased over the years. He thinks it is time to figure out some way for them to figure out what they can spend Measure S money on. We have too much money coming in and can't spend it. He feels they need to redefine what is public safety. Measure S needs to be rewritten.

J. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

1. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6 p.m.
1. City Council meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month. The next regularly scheduled City Council meetings will be held March 15 and April 5, 2018.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the Committee adjourned their meeting at [7:13:11 PM](#).