



***CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (PUBLIC SAFETY)***  
***MINUTES***  
***SANGER COUNCIL CHAMBERS***  
***February 2, 2016***  
***6:00 P.M.***

***A. CALL TO ORDER***

The meeting was called to order at [6:02:37 PM](#)

***B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***

Secretary Tony Gonzales led the flag salute

***C. ROLL CALL***

Members Present: Adams, Gonzales, Miser, Simpson, Steinhauer  
Members Absent: None

***D. CEREMONIAL ITEMS***

None

***E. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS***

Secretary Gonzales moved to approve the agenda, Committee Member Miser seconded; all were in favor, motion carried.

***F. CONSENT CALENDAR***

1. SUBJECT: Minutes for January 5, 2016

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

***G. DEPARTMENT REPORT***

1. SUBJECT: Measure S Budget Report for December 2015

Interim Finance Director Hartman reviewed the revenue and expenditure report for December 2015.

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2. SUBJECT: Budget Amendment Request to FY 2015-16 Expenditure Plan

Fire Chief Tarascou presented a staff report recommending a budget amendment to purchase four computers for the fire apparatus. Chief explained that the computers are needed due to the recent upgrade of the CAD system. Chief also informed the Committee that both purchase and lease options were considered. Given the life expectancy of six years, the lease option was not viable as in the end it would be about triple the cost of the outright purchase.

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Adams asked what the Department is doing in the interim until new computers are purchased. The Chief stated that they are not up and running on the computers and unable to use the CAD system until the new computers are put into place, which if approved by Council will be an estimated 30-days upon order.

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Committee Member Miser, asked why we are not looking at windows 10 instead of windows 7. Chief Tarascou responded that the CAD system uses the windows 7 platform.

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Committee Member Miser inquired as to whether or not the memo he provided to staff was distributed to the Committee Members. City Manager Chapa informed the Committee that Mr. Miser is making reference to a memo he sent to staff asking that it be circulated to the Committee. Mr. Chapa informed the Committee that he did not think it pertained to or has relevance to the item at hand. However, Manager Chapa stated that the memo would be distributed if it was by consensus of the Committee to do so. The consensus from the Committee was that they did not want to see it [the memo].

Committee Member Miser stated that the City/Committee did not have the 2008 budget numbers to reference and that the attorney memorandum stated that it needs to be reviewed for consideration of supplement and supplant.

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City Manager Chapa stated that the City Attorney has already addressed this subject and the computers themselves are an updated technology which qualifies the expenditure to be funded through Measure S.

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Committee Member Miser stated that he feels that he has been affronted and that this is the first time an item that has been submitted to the committee has been squashed.

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Chairperson Adams asked for public comment on the item before the Committee. No public comments were received.

Committee Member Simpson moved to approve the purchase of 4 computers for the Fire Department, Secretary Gonzales seconded; the motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Gonzales, Simpson, Steinhauer

NAYES: Miser

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. SUBJECT: Purchase of New Tasers [6:27:34 PM](#)

Police Chief Rodriguez presented a staff report with the recommendation for the committee to review and affirm using Measure S funds for the purchase of new Tasers. Chief also confirmed that this a sole source provider.

Public comment was received from Johnny Perez who asked the Committee to support the request as he feels it is important to keep officers well equipped for public safety.

Committee Miser moved to approve request, Secretary Gonzales seconded; all were in favor, motion carried.

4. SUBJECT: Fire Department Update

Chief Tarascou provided a brief update on the Fire Department.

Chairperson Adams asked for an update on the newer ambulances. Chief Tarascou stated they are great and that the expected deferred maintenance savings are exceeding expectation.

5. SUBJECT: Police Department Update

Chief Rodriguez provided a brief update on the Police Department which included: preparation for the Blossom Trail events, community collaborative RAGE (raging against gangs everywhere) Event which will be held April 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm, updating crime stats, and working to fill six vacancies.

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Committee Member Simpson inquired about recent promotions of officers. Chief Rodriguez stated that promotional opportunities became open when other officers left Sanger.

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Secretary Gonzales asked for an update on the traffic control/speed control equipment purchased through Measure S. Chief Rodriguez stated that the equipment is placed in neighborhoods on complaint basis and that the information and graphs are very useful.

***H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION*** [6:43:12 PM](#)

None.

***I. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS***

City Manager Chapa introduced himself and asked Staff member Chamberlin to provide an update on the Strategic Plan. Chamberlin provided a brief update.

Manager Chapa affirmed the importance of the role the Citizen Oversight Committee and confirmed that their service is valued and appreciated. Manager Chapa stated staff will be providing training on the Brown Act, Roberts Rule of Order, etc. at upcoming meetings.

Staff also mentioned that the Measure S grant cycle is open through March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Committee Miser reference that the information that was “squashed” was information taken from public documents, and that the Citizens Oversight Committee has responsibility to be an Oversight Committee and quoted chapter and verse. He further stated that “squashing information to the public is not what the public wants, and that the Committee needs to be open. He also stated, “Lots of people in the community feel Measure S is being misspent.”  
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Committee Member Simpson stated, “a lot of people think that this [supplement/supplement] is old business” she continued that the issue has been reviewed over and over, need to make sure police, fire and gang issues are taken care of. Simpson stated, she did not want to revisit the supplement/supplant.

Vice Chairperson Steinhauer echoed the sentiment and stated that the issue has been addressed and reminded everyone that the City Attorney had attended the December meeting. Steinhauer further stated that no one from the public has ever addressed the Citizens Oversight Committee on misuse of funds and that in his opinion, Measure S has always been on sound legal grounds. Steinhauer also stated that there is nothing being “squashed” as Committee Miser had stated the information is public and anyone can look at it.

Secretary Gonzales stated that he wants to be transparent and be in compliance.

Committee Miser stated that the only reason he brought the issue forward was to determine if the item is an appropriate expense.

***L. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING***

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m.

***M. ADJOURNMENT***

Secretary Gonzales moved to adjourn, Vice Chairperson Steinhauer seconded; all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at [6:53:23 PM](#).

*Minutes prepared by:*  
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Attest:

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Tony Gonzales, Secretary  
*Citizen's Oversight Committee/Measure S*