



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

**February 3, 2015**

**Field Trip – 3:00 P.M.**

**Regular Meeting – 6:00 P.M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. and the group proceeded to the tour of the Fresno Dispatch Centers. (Committee Members Adams, Gonzales, Simpson and Villalobos)

**B. FIELD TRIP TO THE FRESNO COUNTY EMS/FIRE DISPATCH & FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DISPATCH CENTER - 3:00 TO 5:45 P.M.**

Chairperson Villalobos reconvened the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Committee Member Simpson led the flag salute.

**D. ROLL CALL**

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

**E. CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

None

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

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

**G. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. SUBJECT: Minutes for January 6, 2015 meeting

Committee Member Simpson moved, Secretary Adams seconded; all were in favor, motion carried.

**H. DEPARTMENT REPORT**

1. SUBJECT: Financial Statements – Measure S and Capital Outlay Schedule for the year to date ended December 31, 2014.

Director Sultan provided an overview of the financials for the year to date ended December 31, 2014. Sultan reminded the Committee that Sales Tax revenue is always 2 months behind; however, the revenue projection is coming slightly higher than estimated. Cash value is currently \$2.4 million.

Chairperson Villalobos questioned what happened with the money originally allocated for the ladder truck - \$200K for FY 12-13. Director Sultan stated that the balance went back into fund balance and that the truck is still part of the expenditure plan. Director Sultan reminded the Committee that the expenditure plan will be brought forward to the next meeting in March for recommendation to City Council for approval in preparation for the 2015-16 budget.

2. SUBJECT: Training Request for Firefighter Levi Howlett

Chief Tarascou reviewed the staff report and requested that the Citizen's Oversight Committee approve the recommendation to amend the FY2014-15 Measure S Expenditure Plan to include training and overtime costs associated with Firefighter Levi Howlett attending the 2015 Fresno City College Paramedic Class.

Manager Haddix provided an overview of the context of the request citing that the request does not fall into the same category of the tuition reimbursement policy which is at the discretion of the City Manager and is temporarily on hold.

Chairperson Villalobos opened the floor for Committee comments and questions. After committee discussion and clarification on questions, Chairperson Villalobos opened the floor for public comment.

Public Comment was received from Craig Pitts, Sanger Fire Association President and David Mendez.

Committee Member Gonzales motioned to approve the request to use Measure S funding to cover costs associated with the training including tuition, books, and overtime on the condition that an agreement is entered between Firefighter Howlett and the City of Sanger stating that should Firefighter Howlett separate from the City within 3 years, 100% of the costs would be reimbursed to the City. Committee Member Simpson seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

3. SUBJECT: Fire Department Update

Chief Tarascou provided an update on the Fire Department which included: thanked the Committee for joining the tour early to view the Police and Fire dispatch centers, informed the Committee that the new ambulances have arrived, mentioned that they are finalizing the process for establishing an eligibility list that will be used for hiring additional staff.

Secretary Adams offered congratulations on the new ambulances.

4. SUBJECT: Police Department Update

Chief Rodriguez provided an update on the Police Department which included: an introduction of the two new police officers Meng Vang and Dario Salazar, offered thanks to the Committee for funding the new surveillance camera system funded through Measure S, provided a summary of the reduction in crime by category.

Committee Member Simpson acknowledged the great job the Police Department is doing. Committee Member Gonzales commended Chief. Chairperson Villalobos mentioned that the group stopped in the Sanger Police Department between the tour and the beginning of the meeting to review the new surveillance system and commented on the clarity of the cameras and stated that the system is a really good use of Measure S funding.

***I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION***

Gerald Valadez gave an update on the SAM academy activities. Chairperson Villalobos commended the tutoring program on school sites and Committee Member Simpson thanked SAM academy for being in Sanger.

***J. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS***

Manager Haddix commented on the support of the SAM Academy through the grant program funding offered through Measure S. Manager Haddix invited the Committee to attend the February 5<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting as the Mid-Year report will be presented and that the new ambulances will be on display. He thanked the Committee for touring the Dispatch Centers earlier and hopes it helped to get a better understanding of the 911 system. He mentioned that the City Council will review the formation of an ad hoc committee regarding dispatch at the February 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Manager Haddix addressed the Committee with a request from Councilmember Garza to bring a grant request directly to the Committee for consideration. Manager Haddix reviewed the policy and procedures currently in place for grant review and requested direction from the Committee as to how to proceed with this request.

The Committee by majority consensus provided direction to staff to ensure that the current review process is adhered. Manager Haddix stated he will convey the direction to Councilman Garza.

Manager Haddix informed the Committee that an in depth discussion and review of Measure S and safety staffing levels will take place at the March Citizens Oversight Committee meeting.

***K. MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

Committee Member Gonzales commented he supports the use of Measure S funding to help children's education.

***L. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING***

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 6 p.m.

***M. ADJOURNMENT***

Secretary Adams motioned to adjourn the meeting, Committee Member Simpson seconded the motion; all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

*Minutes prepared by:*  
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Attest:

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