



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

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee called their meeting to order at [6:00:39 PM](#).

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Tony Gonzales.

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Sue Simpson, Vice Chair JoAnn Mares, Secretary James Miser,
Members Tony Gonzales and Melissa Griggs

Absent: None

D. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

The Committee by motion of Secretary Miser approved the agenda 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

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

F. PRESENTATION

1. Measure S Grant Recipient Quarterly Report:

Unity Estates Community Services Program- Community Resident Services, Inc.

Representatives of the Unity Estates Community Services Program provided an overview of the events and activities participants engaged in. The funds received from Measure S were spent on school supplies, accessories and laptop computers (six laptops).

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **SUBJECT:** Minutes for the special meeting held on July 25, 2017 and the regular meeting held on January 2, 2018.

The Committee by motion of Member Gonzales approved the minutes on the Consent Calendar. 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

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. **SUBJECT:** Measure S Budget, Revenue and Expenditure Reports – December 2017.

Administrative Services Director Gary Watahira presented the December financial statement.

Chairperson Simpson expressed concern with the direction Measure S funds are headed

Public Comment:

Kevin Carter stated this year Measure S has spent more money than revenues coming in.

Joe Villalobos stated that when he served on the Committee it was projected after sunset they would have money for five more years. They weren't spending all the money, now it looks like they're spending more than what's coming in.

Director Watahira stated that based on what was adopted and current revenues, yes they're spending more than what's coming in. However, that is not always the case. Revenues are going up. He is also preparing for midyear so he will take a look at the numbers again.

Chief Tarascou stated the fund balance is high. He said they are trying to make it so they spend their money every year. In the past, fund balance grew high. They are now trying to draw that down by paying for what they haven't in the past years and spending on what they now need.

2. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Purchase of Animal Control Vehicle.

Chief Rodriguez presented on this item. The current animal control truck is 17 years old. In the past years it's needed several repairs that have become more costly and it's best to replace the vehicle. Local dealers were contacted and the lowest bid was Martin Chevrolet in Fresno.

Member Gonzalez asked what will happen to the old vehicle.

Chief Rodriguez stated Public Works has requested it to be used in their department as well as the undercover detective unit. No decisions have been made yet.

Secretary Miser stated that if the vehicle is sold, whatever money is made should go back to the Measure S fund.

Public Comment:

Joe Villalobos made a comment about a previously mentioned ordinance about a certain percentage or money coming from General Fund for this use.

Henry Provost stated he didn't understand why something previously paid for from the General Fund is now being covered by Measure S fund.

Secretary Miser stated it's all dependent on how the Committee wants to define the base or what definition they want to use.

The Committee by motion of Secretary Miser moved to affirm that the expenditures of \$26,640 for the purchase of an animal control vehicle and the related emergency equipment/accessories is an appropriate use of the Measure S funds. The motion was seconded by Member Gonzales and approved by the following vote:

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

3. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Fence Installation Around Camera Poles for JFK Park, Faller Park, Cesar Chavez Park and Jenni Park.

Chief Rodriguez presented on this item. This is related to the recent cameras installed at the parks. The cameras contain solar equipment at the top and the fence is to secure and protect the cameras. Five bids were submitted and lowest bid is from Selma.

Public Comment:

Jonny Perez stated he agrees with the expenditure. He also suggested that in the future they look into anticipated cost with new projects.

The Committee by motion of Vice Chair Mares affirmed the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$4,750 to install and construct fencing around the CCTV camera units at the four locations is an appropriate use of Measure S funds. The motion was seconded my Member Griggs and approved by the following vote:

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

4. SUBJECT: Measure S Grant Disbursement Procedures Amendment.

Director Watahira presented this item.

Public Comment

Johnny Perez stated that if they applied for a grant and got the grant, the remaining amount from other agencies should go back to the fund, not the remaining nonprofits.

Kevin Carter stated that in his observation the Council had no problem overriding COC decision. Yet with something this minor they send it back.

Joe Villalobos stated that when he served on the Committee payments were once a year and the organizations would present once a quarter on how the money was spent. If they failed to meet any of the requirements they were disqualified from receiving funds the following year.

The Committee by motion of Secretary Miser moved that the City dispense the rest of the funds to the nonprofits immediately (within 24 hours of Council approval) and that future approved disbursements be given on July 1st, the beginning of the fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Simpson 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 completed the crime statistics and they are down 14% from last year. In 2016 they were at a 9% decrease from 2015. A big contribution to this is the police department being fully staffed. They are also gearing up for the Blossom Trail events.

6. SUBJECT: Fire Department Update.

Chief Tarascou reported they are starting up the second half of the fiscal year. He will be bringing some new items to the Committee.

I. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Director Watahira stated he is working on finding a date and time that works for everyone who will be a part of the ad hoc committee for the compliance audit.

J. MATTERS INITIATED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Secretary Miser stated Resolution 4361 states that 50% plus \$1 of Measure S funds needs to be allocated to gang prevention programs. He said they can't give the City more than the programs and they haven't been doing that. With the consensus of the Committee he would like to have Resolution 4361 as a discussion item and recommend they come in compliance with Resolution 4361. Consensus was reached.

Member Gonzalez asked for consensus to place the compliance audit on the next agenda so that the Committee can forward recommendations to get it moving along. Consensus was reached.

Member Griggs would like the compliance audit ad hoc committee to meet soon.

Chairperson Simpson would like to discuss what to do with the money that was allocated, but never spent from two of the nonprofit organizations, totaling to \$21,897, on the next agenda. Consensus was reached. She also asked for consensus to discuss a recent CalPERS article and the unfunded liability that will be passed to Sanger and other cities. Consensus was not reached.

K. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

1. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 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 February 15 and March 1, 2018.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the Committee adjourned their meeting at [7:33:38 PM](#).