



CITY OF ATWATER

CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX

ACTION MINUTES

October 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

The City of Atwater Citizens' Oversight Committee for Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax met in regular session this date at 5:32 PM in the City Council Chambers, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California; Chairperson Lee presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Lee.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Committee Members Barkman, Maurer, Olzack, Raymond, Vice Chairperson Bowling, Chairperson Lee

Absent: Committee Member Winningham

Staff Present: Police Chief/City Manager Pietro, CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Pimentel, Finance Director Deol, Recording Secretary Saavedra

Staff Absent: City Attorney Terpstra

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Notice to the public was read.

Chairperson Lee invited public comments.

GARY BRICE, Atwater, spoke regarding budget line item "Full Time Salaries – Code Enforcement Officer." He stated the City is without a Code Enforcement Officer and is currently recruiting for the position. The advertisement for the Code Enforcement Officer specifies a 30 hour position and he hopes the 30 hours would include weekend hours when the most violations occur. He is concerned about the numerous yard sales and said he had seen 37 yard sales during the past weekend. He stated he called dispatch to alert them about a vendor in a pink cupcake vehicle and he was told by dispatch there was no Code Enforcement Officer available to address the situation. He stated he realizes homes need to be sold in Atwater but believes large signage is getting out of hand.

No one else came forward to speak.

MINUTES:

Regular meeting, May 18, 2015

MOTION: Committee Member Raymond moved to approve the minutes as listed. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Maurer and the vote was: Ayes: Barkman, Maurer, Olzack, Raymond, Bowling, Lee; Noes: None; Absent: Winningham. The motion carried.

REPORTS:

Police Chief Pietro

Police Chief Pietro presented a verbal report regarding the use of Citizens' Oversight Committee for Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax funds.

City Attorney

City Attorney Terpstra was not present.

Chairperson Lee amended the agenda to move CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Pimentel's verbal presentation before Finance Director Deol's verbal presentation.

CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Pimentel

CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Pimentel presented a verbal update/report regarding use of Citizens' Oversight Committee for Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax funds.

Police Chief/City Manager Pietro invited former Police Chief Bob Callaway to speak.

Former Police Chief Bob Callaway commented regarding the relationship between the total City budget and Measure H money, and why the Measure H fund is so critically important to the overall budget. He added that every person who purchases items in Atwater contributes to the Measure H fund. He thanked the Committee for being responsible and believes the Measure H fund is a Godsend that provides police and fire vehicles and personnel.

REPORTS:

Verbal Financial update (Finance Director Deol)

Finance Director Deol presented a verbal report regarding the use of Citizen's Oversight Committee for Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax funds.

COMMITTEE MATTERS:

Committee Member comments

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:11 PM.



ERIC LEE, Chairperson

By: Margarita Saavedra, Recording Secretary