



CITY OF ATWATER

CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX

ACTION MINUTES

September 7, 2021

REGULAR SESSION: (Council Chambers)

The City of Atwater Citizens' Oversight Committee for Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax met in Regular Session this date at 5:30 PM in the City Council Chambers located at the Atwater Civic Center, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California; Vice Chairperson Brice presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairperson Brice.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was led by Police Chaplain Jim McClellan.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Committee Members Castro, Dash, Garner, Pirtle, Vice Chairperson Brice
Absent: Committee Member Brantley, Chairperson Hyler
Staff Present: City Manager Waterman, Police Chief Salvador, CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Ayuso, Finance Director Youmara, Deputy City Clerk Martin, Recording Secretary Thuang

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS: *None.*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AS AMENDED:

MOTION: *Committee Member Dash moved to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Garner and the vote was: Ayes: Garner, Dash, Castro, Pirtle, Brice; Noes: None; Absent: Brantley, Hyler. The motion passed.*

MINUTES:

June 9, 2021 – Special meeting

MOTION: *Committee Member Garner moved to approve the minutes as listed. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Dash and the vote was: Ayes: Garner, Pirtle, Dash, Castro, Brice; Noes: None; Absent: Brantley, Hyler. The motion passed.*

BUSINESS:

Accepting the 2021/2022 Regular Meeting Schedule

MOTION: *Committee Member Dash moved to accept the Regular Meeting Schedule as listed, with the option of contacting the City Manager as necessary for Special Meetings. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Pirtle and the vote was: Ayes: Dash, Pirtle, Garner, Castro, Brice; Noes: None; Absent: Brantley, Hyler. The motion passed.*

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF:

Police Department Update (Police Chief Salvador)

Police Chief Salvador provided an update regarding the City's Fourth of July Event, Back to School Day, traffic issues within the City, the possible recruitment of traffic officers, and he addressed concerns from Committee Members regarding pedestrian crosswalks and Police Department capital expenditures.

Fire Department Update (CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Ayuso)

CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Ayuso provided an update regarding the City's Fourth of July Event, call volume to Station 41 and 42, the increase in accidents due to construction on Highway 99, the last payment made to the new fire engine, staffing levels, the Fire Department's preparation for the City's Remembrance of 9/11 Event, and he addressed concerns from Committee Members regarding the volume of calls during the Fourth of July holiday.

One person asked for clarification regarding the volume of medical related calls to the Fire Departments, EMT certification of Fire Department personnel, and equipment availability.

Financial Report (Finance Director Youmara)

Finance Director Youmara provided an update regarding the unaudited budget status report for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax Fund, and she addressed concerns from Committee Members regarding unallocated expenses, the beginning balance of the budget status report, revenues, and expenses.

City Manager Waterman and CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Ayuso clarified concerns from Committee Members regarding checks paid.

Police Chief Salvador clarified concerns from Committee Members regarding budget line items related to the Police Department.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Notice to the public was read.

One person spoke regarding funding from Measure H, the number of Committee Members, meeting dates and times of the Citizens' Oversight Committee for Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax, the inclusion of Town Hall meetings, and the staffing levels and availability of the Fire Department in the City.

No one else came forward to speak.

COMMITTEE MATTERS:

Committee Member comments

Committee Member Garner asked for clarification regarding the Fire Department's agreement between the City and County. He spoke regarding the education of Measure H to the community and the City's reliance on mutual aid agreements.

Committee Member Dash spoke regarding outreach and education of Measure H to the community.

Committee Member Castro asked the public to send questions to him to be answered by the Committee and asked Police Chief Salvador and CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Ayuso about the impact of staffing levels within the Police and Fire Departments.

Committee Member Pirtle spoke regarding the importance of mutual aid within different jurisdictions and reminded the community of Breakfast with the Chief that Police Chief Salvador hosts.

CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Ayuso stated a presentation will be given in an upcoming meeting to educate the public and Committee about the differences and benefits of mutual aid and auto aid.

Vice Chairperson Brice spoke regarding Committee meeting procedures, public meetings, and he reminded the community of the City's Remembrance of 9/11 Event.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairperson Brice adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM.

APPROVED:



Gary Brice, Vice Chairperson

BY: Leslie Thuang
Oversight Recording Secretary