



CITY OF ATWATER

SPECIAL MEETING CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX

ACTION MINUTES

June 14, 2022

REGULAR SESSION: (Council Chambers)

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Salvador.

ROLL CALL:

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

City Manager Waterman stated that as Vice Chairperson Brice and Chairperson Hyler are both absent from the meeting, the Citizens' Oversight Committee for Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax by roll-call vote, will select a presiding Chairperson for this meeting.

Committee Member Pirtle moved to appoint Committee Member Dash as presiding Chairperson for the Citizens' Oversight Committee for Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax meeting of June 14, 2022. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Brantley and the vote was: Ayes: Castro, Dash, Pirtle, Brantley; Noes: None; Absent: Garner, Brice, Hyler. The motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Notice to the public was read.

MINUTES:

1. March 8, 2022 – Regular meeting

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF:

Police Department Update (Police Chief Salvador)

Police Chief Salvador spoke regarding the Police Department's activities for the calendar year of 2021 and 2022 regarding the total volume and call for service rate, criminal reports, misdemeanor felony arrests, citation and crime rates, staffing levels of the Police Department, and additions to the Police Department equipment fleet. He also addressed concerns of the Committee Members regarding the cost of outfitting the command vehicle and usage of the general fund.

One person spoke regarding the training, staffing levels, and funding of the Police Department.

One person spoke regarding the staffing levels of the Police Department, the increase in citations issued, revenue from citations, and the Police Department budget.

No one else came forward to speak.

Fire Department Update (CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Ayuso)

CAL FIRE Captain Bernard spoke regarding the Fire Department 2021 and partial 2022 statistics regarding the total call volume for Station 41 and 42, the purchase of personal protective equipment for the reserve firefighters and a command post vehicle, grant opportunities for the Fire Department, and Fire Marshal inspections. He also addressed concerns of the Committee Members regarding the addition of Station 41 and Station 42 addresses on materials presented.

Police Chief Salvador and City Manager Waterman addressed concerns of the Committee Members regarding the operational area of the Police Department.

One person spoke regarding the staffing levels of the Fire Department and the renegotiation of the current CAL FIRE contract.

One person spoke regarding the usage of funds from the Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax for additional staffing for the Fire Department, the Fire Department's response to medical calls, and ambulance services in the City.

No one else came forward to speak.

Financial Report (Finance Director Youmara)

Finance Director Youmara provided an update regarding the unaudited budget status report for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2021-22 Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax Fund and provided an update regarding the Fiscal Year 2022-23 proposed budget.

One person spoke regarding the date range of the budget status report presented, the role and responsibilities of the Citizens' Oversight Committee for Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax relating to public safety expenditures, professional service consulting fees, and the need for town hall meetings.

One person spoke regarding transparency within the City and the structure, role, and responsibilities of the Citizens' Oversight Committee for Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax relating to public safety expenditures.

No one else came forward to speak.

ADJOURNMENT:

Presiding Chairperson Dash adjourned the meeting at 6:34 PM.

APPROVED:



Linda Dash, Presiding Chairperson

BY: Leslie Thuang
Oversight Recording Secretary