



CITY OF ATWATER

CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX

ACTION MINUTES

February 12, 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 6:09 PM in the 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, Raymond, Winningham, Olzack, Vice Chairperson Bowling, Chairperson Lee

Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: City Attorney Terpstra

Chairperson Lee introduced new Committee members Greg Olzack and Mike Raymond.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Notice to the public was read.

Chairperson Lee invited public comments.

No one came forward to speak at this time.

Chairperson Lee stated an administrative correction in the minutes would be made changing the title from Measure H Citizens Oversight Committee of the City of Atwater to the City of Atwater Citizens' Oversight Committee for Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax.

MINUTES:

Regular meeting, February 27, 2014

Regular meeting, August 14, 2014

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

Finance Operations Manager Deol

Finance Operations Manager Deol presented a verbal report regarding the financial status of the Citizens' Oversight Committee for Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax funds.

CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Pimentel

CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Pimentel presented a verbal report regarding the new fire apparatus and offered to show Committee members the apparatus after the meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

Committee Member Winningham requested regular updates/information regarding programs, plans, progress, and incidents prevalent to the Committee in order to stay informed and to question progress on items.

Chief Pietro stated he could provide stats and updates from Police and Fire Departments every month.

Committee Member Raymond requested Police stats be formatted to show a year in progress rather than monthly, in order for the public to better understand what the Police Department is doing.

Chairperson Lee requested a report regarding how the crime rate in Atwater compares to other communities of the same size. He stated that requests for more and more police officers give the public the impression that crime in Atwater is increasing.

Police Chief Pietro stated his consultant, Bob Callaway, has completed several analyses regarding the crime rate in Atwater, indicating that the crime rate in the City is lower than the past two previous years. He is planning a press report in a week or two.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Lee adjourned the meeting at 6:59 PM.



ERIC LEE, Chairperson

By: Margarita Saavedra, Recording Secretary