



# CITY OF ATWATER

## CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX

### ACTION MINUTES

**May 18, 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 6:04 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, Raymond, Winningham, Olzack, Vice Chairperson Bowling, Chairperson Lee

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Police Chief/City Manager Pietro, CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Pimentel, Financial Consultant Zenoni, Recording Secretary Saavedra

**Staff Absent:** City Attorney Terpstra

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

*Notice to the public was read.*

*Chairperson Lee invited public comments.*

*No one came forward to speak at this time.*

MINUTES:

Regular meeting, February 12, 2015

***MOTION:*** *Committee Member Raymond moved to approve the minutes as listed. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Winningham and the vote was: Ayes: Maurer, Barkman, Winningham, Raymond, Olzack, 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.***

Financial Consultant Zenoni

***Financial Consultant Zenoni presented a verbal report regarding the financial status of the Citizens' Oversight Committee for Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax.***

City Attorney

***City Attorney Terpstra was not present.***

CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Pimentel

***CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Pimentel presented a verbal report regarding the ladder truck, training, and the purchase of equipment and tools.***

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

***Chairperson Lee reminded the Board and the audience not to lose sight, that the Measure H funding has a finite period and then will be put back before the voters. He voiced his opinion regarding the use of funds; he wants to ensure Public Safety is well equipped so as not to jeopardize safety in the field. He voiced his concerns regarding the damaged out-of-service police vehicles and would like reimbursement/resolution to the problem. He reported that the ISO ratings have decreased in Atwater from a 5 to a 4, which reflects positively on the City. He believes this is directly related to CAL FIRE's professionalism. He reminded the community that there are two rail services, Burlington Northern and Santa Fe that move large amounts of petro products through Atwater. He questioned if the City's Master Plan is up-to-date in case of a rail accident or derailment and believes the ladder truck is a necessity in case of an accident.***

***CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Pimentel stated that the City has an Operations Emergency Plan, and CAL FIRE is currently structuring with the County on such incidents. Fire personnel will attend training in order to be prepared.***

***Vice Chairperson Bowling stated that she hopes the ladder truck will be ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and believes the community will appreciate it.***

***Committee Member Barkman stated that he has always enjoyed and respected the collaboration between Chief Pimentel and Chief Pietro in regard to Measure H funds. He stated that the Committee's purpose is to oversee how City Council uses these funds and to ensure that the funds are used appropriately. He hopes in the next eight (8) years the City will be able to carry on this mission.***

**ADJOURNMENT:**

***Chairperson Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:11 PM.***



ERIC LEE, Chairperson

By: Margarita Saavedra, Recording Secretary