



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

City Hall, Room 15
735 Anacapa Street

Wednesday, October 31, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Byrne, Steve Epstein, Susan LaFond, Steve Lew, Ken Oplinger, Francis X Peters Jr., Lesley Wiscomb

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Samario, Finance Director; Jennifer Tomaszewski, Treasury Manager; Jim Dewey, Streets Operations and Infrastructure Manager; Brandon Beaudette, Budget Manager; Brad Hess, Principal Project Manager

PUBLIC: Neighbors of Spencer Adams Park, Robert Burke

1. CALL TO ORDER: K. Oplinger called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL: All Committee Members present

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: No public comment

4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 MINUTES:

S. Lew would like the minutes to reflect that he left early at the September 26, 2018 meeting but was present.

R. Samario clarified that the plan was to take action minutes moving forward. Narrative minutes were taken at the first meeting to document the first meeting and the scope of the committee.

J. Byrne wanted the minutes to reflect that he requested that the Annual Accountability Report be provided a couple days in advance of the meeting so it can be reviewed. He also would like the minutes to reflect that he requested any open budget commitments and / or budget overruns be included in the report.

Motion to call the question and approve the minutes from September 26, 2018 with the additions from J. Byrne.

Approved (Wiscomb/Peters, 6:1)

5. REVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON MEASURE C PRIORITIES:

R. Samario provided Resolution 18-011 from the City Council meeting on February 6, 2018 which established priorities for the expenditure of revenues from the Measure C Sales Tax.

K. Oplinger wanted clarification that the priorities listed are also listed in priority order. R. Samario confirmed that they were.

S. Epstein asked if it was possible, as part of the budget process, that the committee would give input on proposed projects. R. Samario indicated that the committee would have the opportunity to do so as part of the budget process.

K. Oplinger opened the floor to Public Comment.

Neighbors of the Spencer Adams Park asked that Resolution 18-011 stating Parks be protected should be honored.

R. Burke expressed gratitude to the committee for volunteering.

K. Oplinger closed Public Comment.

6. REVIEW OF OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL BASED ON THEIR REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT:

R. Samario provided the following recommendations and asked for review and approval:

The Citizen's Oversight Committee met for the first time on Wednesday, September 26, 2018. The Committee voted to appoint Mr. Ken Oplinger, President/CEO of the Chamber of the Santa Barbara Region, as Chair, and Mr. Steve Lew was voted in as the Vice Chair.

The Oversight Committee provided the following recommendations:

1. Meeting Frequency – The Committee as a whole asked that the Committee meeting quarterly at least initially. Staff has no concerns with this recommendations and appreciates the Committee's desire to hear the status of both revenues and projects more frequently.
2. Police Station Update – Chair Oplinger requested a presentation to the Committee on the possible sites for the new police station. Staff brought the update to the Oversight Committee meeting held on October 31, 2018.
3. Pavement Condition Index (PCI) – Committee member Byrne requested that the Annual Accountability Report include PCI data over time to see to what extent the enhanced funding for streets causes the PCI to improve. Staff supports this recommendation and will include updated PCI data as it becomes available.

It was discussed that the following recommendations be added:

1. Add a #4 to the above stating that the accountability report also state to what extent project dollars are committed and how much money is left over.
2. Add to #2 above to review cost estimate for the Police Station when ready.

Motion to add these two items to the recommendation
Approved (Wiscomb/Epstein, 6:1)

J. Byrne made a motion that staff costs devoted to projects also be broken out and documented and included in the #4 recommendation. There was no second.

7. PRESENTATION OF SITE OPTIONS FOR POLICE STATION

B. Hess gave a presentation on the site selection for the Police Station. Included in the presentation was an explanation of current building deficiencies, the project history, and the ideal site parameters and criteria.

The options have been narrowed down to two locations. The Spender Adams Park and the Cota Commuter Parking Lot. He reviewed next steps and the upcoming public meeting schedule to discuss the sites.

K. Oplinger opened the floor to Public Comment.

Neighbors of the Spencer Adams Park stated they voted for Measure C Sales Tax but not to remove park land. They asked the committee, as an oversight of Measure C funds, please keep that in mind.

K. Oplinger closed Public Comment.

8. REVIEW OF MEASURE C WEBSITE

B. Beaudette reviewed the Measure C website with the committee. The website can be found at:

www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/MeasureC

9. MEETING AJOURNED AT 4:47 p.m.