

**MEASURE H OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**CITY OF CERES, CALIFORNIA  
City Council Chambers, 2701 Fourth Street**

**Wednesday, June 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Shepherd called the June 1, 2017 meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL - Present:**

Committee Members Cool, Fernandez, Redfern, Valencia and Chairperson Shepherd

Absent: None

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS** to Committee on matters not included on the Agenda.

Captain Joe Spanning spoke regarding the May 20<sup>th</sup> FireOps 101 Program and thanked Committee Member Redfern and Vice-Mayor Kline for attending.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered routine in nature and will be enacted by a single motion unless otherwise requested by an individual member or public for special consideration. Otherwise the recommendation of staff will be accepted and acted upon by voice vote.

1. Clerks Report of Posting. The agenda of the June 1, 2017 Measure H Oversight Committee was posted on May 25, 2017.
2. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2017.

**Motion:** Motion by **Committee Member Fernandez**, seconded by **Committee Member Redfern**, approving the Consent Calendar as presented.  
**Passed 4/0/1**

**AYES:** Members: Fernandez, Redfern, Shepherd, Valencia  
**NOES:** Members: None  
**ABSENTENTION:** Member: Cool

## NEW BUSINESS

### 3. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2017/18 draft City and Measure H Budget. (Wells)

City Manager Wells gave the report. He reviewed the direction from Council at the May 2017 Budget Workshop meeting. City Manager Wells discussed the current status of the budget and reviewed revenues and expenses for Police and Fire. City Manager Wells also detailed the proposed Measure H expenditures and revenues for Fiscal Year 17/18. He also discussed the increase in retirement costs, workers compensation and health insurance costs.

Committee Member Redfern asked how retirement affects the budget. City Manager Wells stated that it really doesn't affect the budget, unless the retirement position is not filled.

Committee Member Valencia asked about the retirement of staff and if that is something that can be projected in the budget. City Manager Wells explained that the salaries included in the budget is a pretty accurate number. As vacancies occur throughout the year, it is a savings. Suzanne Dean, Finance Director stated that another reason that the full salary is projected for the year, is that as people leave they are able to cash out their banked vacation time. If the full salaries were not included in the budget, they would go over budget.

City Manager Wells stated there was an increase in sales tax revenue growth. The revenues growth was primarily due to big purchases, such as automobiles. The projected revenue is expected to increase and expenses are also, as of this date, under budget. The budget numbers are cleaned up and finalized in September. He reviewed the staffing included in the budget and the one time expenditures.

Chairman Shepherd inquired about the one time expenditures in the Measure H budget, and if they benefit the whole Department or just the Measure H employees. City Manager Wells explained there are a number of items that are specifically earmarked that benefit the whole Department that are one time expenditures. Generally speaking, they are prorated between the entire Department and Measure H staff. Then there are those items that have been included from the beginning, where they have asked acknowledgment from the Measure H Committee for those expenditures that benefit the entire Department. It is consistent with the Measure. There are also items which are consistent expenditures, which can be approved by the Measure H Committee and then ultimately Council.

Chairman Shepherd stated that he thought that Measure H Funds were for the hiring of support and equipment. City Manager Wells stated that the Measure H funds were meant to supplement not supplant. The Measure H monies are meant to supplement the operations of Police and Fire not supplant (replace funds that are already dedicated to public safety).

Committee Member Redfern inquired about the SAFER Grant firefighters and what is the plan when the positions end in March. City Manager Wells stated that there is not a plan in place yet. There will be a service level review and he is currently having discussions, with City of Modesto and Stanislaus Consolidated.

**Motion:** Motion by Committee Member Cool, seconded by Committee Member Valencia, accepting the annual budget . **Passed 5/0/0**

**AYES:** Members: Cool, Fernandez, Redfern, Shepherd, Valencia

**NOES:** Members: None

**ABSENT:** Member: None

## REPORTS

### 4. Verbal Report from Chief Smith.

Chief Smith reported on Police Department staffing levels. He also discussed the purchase of equipment for the Department that will help enhance their technology to provide the services needed to the community.

Chairman Shepherd commented that the technology the Chief has put in place is helping keep officers safe and retain employees.

Committee Member Cool commented on enforcement issues and the illegal dumping throughout the City. He has contacted Code Enforcement about the issue. The items are picked up, but the very next day there is trash dumped in the same area again. It's an ongoing issue.

### 5. Verbal Report from Chief Nicholes.

Battalion Chief, Richard Scola reported on communication equipment upgrades. Their current equipment is outdated and the upgrades are vital. He further reported on the upgrade of the portable radios and discussed TIC thermal imaging and the replacement of the turnout equipment. He also invited the Committee Members to attend the June 8, 2017, Swearing-in Ceremony for Jeff Serpa, promoted to Battalion Chief and two new firefighters: Bryan ten Bosh and Blake Hurst.

Chairman Shepherd commented that Fire is doing good job.

**ADJOURNMENT** The next regularly scheduled Measure H Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 2701 Fourth Street.

There being no further business, Presiding Chairperson Shepherd adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

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Leonard Shepherd, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Diane Nayares-Perez, City Clerk