

CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE-MEASURE C
MINUTES

CITY HALL
MERCED, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY
May 10, 2011

The Citizens' Oversight Committee-Measure C of the City of Merced, California met in regular session on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Chairperson MARY WARD called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(B) ROLL CALL

Present:	Chairperson:	Mary Ward
	Vice-Chairperson:	Fred Buckingham
	Committee Members:	Peggy Biddison
		Keith Ensminger
		Stephen Hamilton
		Darrell Kirbie
		Carol Luhring
		Dale Van Den Boom
	Ex-Officio Members:	Ron Daugherty, MACE
		Keith Pelowski, Merced Police Sergeants Association
		Tracy Staiger, AFSCME
		Alan Ward, Merced Police Officers Association
	Finance Officer:	Brad Grant
Absent:	Committee Members:	Linda Lopez
	Ex-Officio Members:	Jeff Horta, International Fire Fighters Association

Secretary's Note: No members of the public were present.

(C) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

(D) CONSENT CALENDAR

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER BIDDISON, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER LUHRING, DULY CARRIED, RESOLVED, THE MEASURE C-CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR AS SET FORTH BELOW WAS HEREBY DULY ADOPTED:

(D-1) ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION ONLY THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

(D-1-A) NOTICE OF VACANCY – LINDA LOPEZ (SOUTH DISTRICT)

(D-2) APPROVE AND FILE MEASURE C-CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2011.

BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: VAN DEN BOOM, HAMILTON,
BUCKINGHAM, LUHRING, KIRBIE, BIDDISON,
ENSMINGER, WARD

NOES: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: NONE

ABSTAIN: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: LOPEZ

(E) REPORTS

(E-1) Revenue and Expense Reports – March 31, 2011 (Grant)

Finance Officer BRAD GRANT reviewed the March 31, 2011 Revenue and Expense Reports and corresponding Microsoft© PowerPoint slides, followed by Committee Member questions.

(E-2) Review City Manager Recommended Budget for 2011/2012 Fiscal Year [Revenues and Expenditures] (Grant)

City Manager JOHN BRAMBLE reviewed the memorandum regarding the recommendation for 2011/2012 Measure C funds. BRAMBLE and Finance Officer GRANT answered questions posed by Committee Members.

Committee Member ENSMINGER reminded the Committee what the intent of the funds were at the time the Measure C was passed and recommended the money be divided equally among Fire, Police and Streets Divisions.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER ENSMINGER, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BIDDISON, DULY CARRIED, RESOLVED, TO ALLOCATE MEASURE “C” FUNDS EQUALLY AMONG POLICE, FIRE, AND STREETS.

Chairperson WARD did not agree with ENSMINGER’s recommendation, stating she could not support losing any more public safety positions.

Committee Member HAMILTON favored allocating additional funds to the Streets Division when funding was available.

The matter was discussed and a call for the question was made by Committee Member LUHRING.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER ENSMINGER, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BIDDISON, DULY CARRIED, RESOLVED, TO ALLOCATE MEASURE “C” FUNDS EQUALLY AMONG POLICE, FIRE, AND STREETS.

BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:	COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	ENSMINGER,
NOES:	COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	VAN DEN BOOM, HAMILTON, BUCKINGHAM, LUHRING, KIRBIE, BIDDISON, WARD
ABSTAIN:	COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	NONE
ABSENT:	COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	LOPEZ

ON MOTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON BUCKINGHAM, SECONDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER KIRBIE, DULY CARRIED, RESOLVED, TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THE USE OF MEASURE “C” FUNDS FOR THE FUNDING OF 16 FIRE AND 20.5 POLICE PERSONNEL IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY AT THE LEVEL THE CITY COUNCIL HAS REQUESTED AS PART OF THEIR BUDGET GUIDELINES TO STAFF, AND THE USE OF \$250,000 FOR A PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT TO KEEP WORKING ON THE CITY’S STREET SYSTEM.

BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: VAN DEN BOOM, HAMILTON,
BUCKINGHAM, LUHRING, KIRBIE, BIDDISON,
WARD
NOES: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: ENSMINGER
ABSTAIN: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: LOPEZ

(F) BUSINESS FROM COMMITTEE

(F-1) Review and Approve Annual Committee Attendance Report (Ward)

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER BIDDISON, SECONDED BY
COMMITTEE MEMBER LUHRING, DULY CARRIED, RESOLVED, TO
APPROVE THE APRIL 1, 2010 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2011 ANNUAL
ATTENDANCE REPORT AS SUBMITTED.

BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: VAN DEN BOOM, HAMILTON,
BUCKINGHAM, LUHRING, KIRBIE, BIDDISON,
ENSMINGER, WARD
NOES: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: NONE
ABSTAIN: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: LOPEZ

(G) ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER BIDDISON, SECONDED BY
COMMITTEE MEMBER KIRBIE, DULY CARRIED, RESOLVED, TO ADJOURN
THE MEETING AT 6:35 P.M. TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED
CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE-MEASURE C MEETING ON TUESDAY,
AUGUST 9, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CIVIC CENTER CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR, 678 WEST 18TH STREET, MERCED, CALIFORNIA.

BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: VAN DEN BOOM, HAMILTON,
BUCKINGHAM, LUHRING, LOPEZ, KIRBIE,
BIDDISON, ENSMINGER, WARD

NOES: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: NONE

ABSTAIN: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: NONE

ABSENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: LOPEZ

BY:

JAMIE FANCONI
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

APPROVED:

MARY WARD, CHAIRPERSON