

Minutes

City of Visalia Measure N Oversight Committee

Don Sharp – Board of Realtors/Building Industry
Anil Chagan – Downtown Visalians/Property Owners
Vincent Salinas – Hispanic/Visalia Chamber
Rick Feder – Visalia Economic Development Council
Joel Rosales – Citizens Advisory Committee
Lois Sheffield – Citizens Advisory Committee

Janice Avila – Council appointee
Berkley Johnson – Council appointee
Basil Perch – Council appointee
Erica Tootle – Council appointee
Brad Maaske – Council appointee

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

5:30 p.m.

Admin. Board Room

220 N. Santa Fe, Visalia CA

Present: Don Sharp, Anil Chagan, Vincent Salinas, Joel Rosales, Janice Avila, Berkley Johnson, Rick Feder and Basil Perch

Absent: Brad Maaske, Erica Tootle, and Lois Sheffield

Other: Randy Groom, Leslie Caviglia, Renee Nagel, Diane Davis, Doyle Sewell, Dustin Hall and Nick Branch

1. Welcome and Public Comment.

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by Chair Don Sharp. There were no public comments.

2. Review and consider Council approved amendment to the Measure N Plan to fund fire positions

Review and consider Council approved amendment to the Measure N Plan to fund fire positions - Finance Director Renee Nagel presented the item and addressed questions regarding the recommended amendment to Measure N. A motion was made to move \$400,000 in fire positions to Measure N from Measure T. (BP, JA) 6-1 (Vincent Salinas no)

3. Discuss Fire Department squad concept and provide recommendations to the City Council regarding the proposed plan – including potential enhancement/expansion of the program.

- A) Presentation of Fire Squad Conceptual Plan – Visalia Fire Department
- B) Review of Council questions/comments/concerns – City Manager

City Manager Randy Groom provided an introduction to the item because Council has done something different with this item and is asking the Oversight Committee to provide some feedback to the proposed squad concept, rather than just reacting to a proposed plan or amendment. He will take back the feedback from the group, and Council will make a decision on what to propose to the Committee for formal consideration. He also discussed the squad concept as presented in Measure N.

Battalion Chief Dustin Hall presented the proposal for the Squad Working Group. The Committee asked a number of questions. Some of the individual comments included:

- Should it be a battalion chief or could it be a different position? Nurse, Deputy Chief, etc. Does it have to be a sworn position?
- Should we stop having fire fighters running medical calls?
- Having 9 paramedics supervised by a single BC could be seen as the same as a current work load of a BC.
- The Plan would be good, but it needs to be tweaked with regards to the supervision.
(Consensus)

The Committee asked to be notified of the Council meeting where the Council will consider this item.

4. Future meetings and items for discussion.

5. Good of the Order.

6. Adjourn.

Next meeting: To be determined.

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