



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANGER CITY COUNCIL

January 3, 2019
6:00 P.M.
Council Chamber
1700 7th Street
Sanger, California 93657

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Council called their meeting to order at [6:02:12 PM](#).

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was offered by Pastor Paul Canaday.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Frank Gonzalez.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Frank Gonzalez, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Martinez, Council Member Eli Ontiveros, Council Member Humberto Garza

Absent: None

C. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Martinez deleted Items I-1 and I-2, directing Staff to bring the items back at the next Council meeting, and approved the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ontiveros and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ, ONTIVEROS, GARZA

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

1. The Council recognized James Miser for his service on the Citizen's Oversight Committee – Measure S.

E. PUBLIC FORUM

Kevin Carter asked about the status of electronic signs and encouraged Council Members to reach out to other city legislators about asking the state to look for alternatives to fund the CalPERS rate increases.

Lori Greer said she was a local business owner for a short time but had to move her business to another town because of lack of support in Sanger. Also, she asked that the City build something for the youth.

Jaime Garza said the City is in need of affordable housing and more park space.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council by motion of Council Member Garza approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings held on December 20, 2018.
2. SUBJECT: REVIEWED - Warrants including Check Nos. 77639 through 77757.
3. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Payroll including Direct Deposit Nos. 46155 through No. 46390; Payroll Check Nos. 56797 through No. 56814; and Benefit Check Nos. 1436 through 1443.
4. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Planning Commission Appointments.
The City Council approved Mayor Gonzalez's recommendation to reappoint Kevin Carter and Drew Esquer to 4-year terms on the Planning Commission, expiring in January 2023.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Ontiveros and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ, ONTIVEROS, GARZA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant Funding.

The Council held a public hearing to discuss possible future CDBG funds and potential projects identified from previous community meetings and outreach events

Public comment:

Oswaldo Vera suggested funds be used for crime prevention or recreation.

Kevin Carter suggested that next year maybe consider the water systems in the older sections of town.

The Council closed the public hearing.

The Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros directed Staff to apply for \$900,000 of CDBG funds for installation of lights at Cesar Chavez Park and funding for the water system. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ, ONTIVEROS, GARZA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: City Council Appointment to Fill Vacancy in Council District 1.

The Council called upon the candidates to introduce themselves and answer questions of the Council:

Juan Alvarez-Tovar
Laura Banelos
Marci Licon Cantu
Martin Castellano
Anthony Espitia
Esmeralda Hurtado

The Council called for a recess at [7:53:02 PM](#).
The Council reconvened their meeting at [8:03:22 PM](#).

Public Comment:

Michael Montelongo said he wondered if any of the six candidates contributed to any City Council candidates during the recent election.

Doris Knowlton said she would like to see a woman appointed to the vacant seat and said she is partial to Marci Licon because Ms. Licon is full of ideas and capable of following through.

Oswaldo Vera said there are some excellent candidates and they spoke well and seem to really care.

Henry Provost said he believes the residents of District 1 should be making the decision.

Sandy said she agrees that a woman should be appointed.

Ms. Cantu, resident of District 1, said when Martin Castellano was on the City Council he was accessible and did a good job.

Jaime Garza said all the candidates seem very good but Martin Castellano has experience with the issues facing Sanger.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez motioned to implement the alternative of conducting a special election to fill the vacancy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ontiveros and was denied by the following vote:

AYES: MARTINEZ, ONTIVEROS
NOES: GONZALEZ, GARZA
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Gonzalez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2019-01 appointing Esmeralda Hurtado to fill the City Council District 1 seat for the remainder of the unexpired term. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ, GARZA
NOES: ONTIVEROS
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

2. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Budget Amendment for Land Use Changes in the General Plan and North Academy Master Plan. [6:33:12 PM](#)

The City Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$36,560 to prepare further studies to the General Plan Update and North Academy Master Plan as part of the existing environmental impact report and authorize execution of amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Collins and Schoettler. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ, ONTIVEROS, GARZA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

I. **CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION**

City Manager Tim Chapa thanked the District 1 candidates for their presentations and said they should all be very proud.

J. **MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez thanked the District 1 candidates for applying. He said he plans to speak with at least one State legislator during the League's conference regarding the CalPERS rate increases as he did last year. He said there is misinformation regarding employee raises and wanted to set the record straight. The Council recently negotiated Memorandums of Understanding with three bargaining groups and employees were given no raises.

Council Member Ontiveros said the recent ATP scores showed Sanger at 65, Parlier at 98 and Mendota at 96.

Mayor Gonzalez asked for an update regarding the electronic signs.

Community Development Director Tom Navarro said the first location for a sign is behind WalMart and they are currently trying to rectify a problem regarding the existing easement.

Mayor Gonzalez thanked all the District 1 applicants for applying and for their presentations.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the Council adjourned their meeting at [8:32:17 PM](#).

ATTEST:

Rebeca Padron, City Clerk