



## Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Sanger City Council

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023

6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER

1700 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Sanger, California 93657

A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council called their meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was offered by Pastor Jacob.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Frank Gonzalez.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Frank Gonzalez, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Martinez, Councilmember Michael Montelongo, Councilmember Dolores Melendez.

Absent: Councilmember Esmeralda Hurtado

C. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

The Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo approved the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ, MONTELONGO, MELENDEZ

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: HURTADO

D. PUBLIC FORUM

Geof Lickey said he received two letters from Code Enforcement about a basketball hoop in front of his house. He said he is owed a park by the City because of the deal made with DR Horton for phases 3 and 4.

Karen Pearson said she is advocating on behalf of business owners. Businesses are still having issues with the business licensing process. Businesses are not receiving renewals or actual licenses and it has been going on for about a month or six weeks. She said it has been a problem since the business license processing was outsourced.

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Measure S Grantee Reports
  - a. Boys & Girls Club – presented by Kim Ozuna.
  - b. SAM Academy – presented by Jerry Valadez.
  - c. Sanger Young Life – presented by Mia Geil.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo pulled agenda item F-4 and approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 1, 2022.
2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Remote City Council Meetings Under New Brown Act Requirements (AB361).  
The Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-01 reauthorizing remote teleconference public meetings by the City Council and all Boards, Commissions, and Standing Committees of the City in accordance with Assembly Bill 361.
3. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Out of State Travel Request.  
The City Council approved the out of state travel and training for the Fire Department Administrative Secretary and Billing Clerk to attend the National Conference on Ambulance Revenue Cycle, Management and Compliance in Las Vegas, Nevada from March 7 – 9, 2023.
5. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Final Acceptance for Annadale & Lily Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Improvements Project.  
The City Council:
  1. Accepted the work for the Annadale & Lily Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Improvements Project in the amount of \$41,985.00;
  2. Authorized recordation of the Notice of Completion with the Fresno County Recorder; and
  3. Authorized payment of 5% retention in the amount of \$2,099.25 to Harris Development Corp. dba HBC Enterprises upon expiration of the 35-day lien period.

6. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Final Acceptance for Faller Avenue and Lincoln Park Sidewalk Project.  
The City Council:
1. Accepted the work for the Faller Avenue and Lincoln Park Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$179,430.02;
  2. Authorized recordation of the Notice of Completion with the Fresno County Recorder; and
  3. Authorized payment of 5% retention in the amount of \$8,971.50 to Witbro, Inc. dba Seal Rite Paving and Grading upon expiration of the 35-day lien period.
7. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Final Acceptance for Sanger Sidewalk Gap Closure Project.  
The City Council:
1. Accepted the work for the Sanger Sidewalk Gap Closure Project in the amount of \$106,692.91;
  2. Authorized recordation of the Notice of Completion with the Fresno County Recorder; and
  3. Authorized payment of 5% retention in the amount of \$5,334.65 to Witbro, Inc. dba Seal Rite Paving and Grading upon expiration of the 35-day lien period.
8. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Purchase of Patient Gurney Loading Systems.  
The City Council approved the sole source purchase of four patient gurney loading systems in the amount of \$111,859 and related installation costs estimated at \$13,000 and authorized the Purchasing Officer to approve the sole source purchase in the amount not to exceed \$125,000.
9. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Side Letter Agreement with Sanger Police Officers Association.  
The City Council adopted a Side Letter Agreement with the City of Sanger and the Sanger Police Officers Association regarding a language change to the position title of Police Lieutenant and the assignment of Watch Commander.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ, MONTELONGO, MELENDEZ  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: HURTADO

4. **SUBJECT:** Out of State Travel Request.

After further discussion, the Council by motion of Mayor Gonzalez authorized out of state travel for City Manager Tim Chapa, Community Development Director David Brletic, and Mayor Frank Gonzalez to attend the ICSC LAS VEGAS Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 21, 2023 through May 23, 2023. Further, the Council authorized out of state travel for Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Martinez to attend the ICSC LAS VEGAS Convention utilizing Councilmember Montelongo's travel appropriation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montelongo and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ, MONTELONGO, MELENDEZ  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: HURTADO

G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Purchase of Additional Body Worn Cameras and Data Storage.

Public comment:

Mia Geil asked if future new hires will receive a camera.  
Police Chief Garner said there will be spares after this purchase.

The City Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Martinez approved a contract with Axon Enterprises for the purchase of ten additional cameras and data storage and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montelongo and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ, MONTELONGO, MELENDEZ  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: HURTADO

2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Well No. 22 CEQA Statutory Exemption.

Public comment:

Geof Lickey said it is ironic that all are drinking bottled water when all water wells have failed. He said the City should not rush and do proper testing.

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Martinez approved Resolution No. 2023-02 adopting Statutory Exemption 15269 for the City's Water Well No. 22 project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montelongo and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ, MONTELONGO, MELENDEZ  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: HURTADO

3. SUBJECT: Assignment of Sanger's Elected Officials to Serve as Representatives/Designees on Member Boards, Committees and Commissions.

The City Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo determined certain assignments and tabled certain assignments to serve as representatives on boards, committees, and commissions as follows:

1. Fresno County Council of Governments / Fresno County Rural Transit Agency

Mayor Gonzalez assigned as primary member.

Alternate member to be assigned during February 2, 2023 City Council meeting.

2. Five Cities Economic Development Authority

Primary member to be assigned during February 2, 2023 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Melendez assigned as alternate member.

3. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Special City Selection Committee

Mayor Gonzalez assigned as primary member.

Alternate member to be assigned during February 2, 2023 City Council meeting.

4. Southeast Regional Solid Waste Commission

Primary member to be assigned during February 2, 2023 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Melendez assigned as alternate member.

5. Sanger Environmental Fund

Mayor Gonzalez assigned as primary member.

Alternate member to be assigned during February 2, 2023 City Council meeting.

6. Upper Kings Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Authority

Mayor Gonzalez assigned as primary member.

Alternate member to be assigned during February 2, 2023 City Council meeting.

7. South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Primary and up to two alternate members to be assigned during February 2, 2023 City Council meeting.

8. Sanger Planning Commission

City Council liaison to be assigned during February 2, 2023 City Council meeting.

9. Citizen's Oversight Committee – Measure S

City Council liaison to be assigned during February 2, 2023 City Council meeting.

10. Sanger Youth Council

City Council liaison to be assigned during February 2, 2023 City Council meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ, MONTELONGO, MELENDEZ  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: HURTADO

H. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Tim Chapa announced that Community Budget Workshops will be held on January 11, 2023 at the Sanger Community Center and on January 25, 2023 at Sanger Academy Charter School.

City Manager Chapa announced the Commission to Advance the Status of Women and Girls requires an appointment from each District and asked that each Councilmember submit their respective appointment. An agenda item for approval of appointments will be scheduled for either the January 19, 2023 or February 2, 2023 City Council meeting.

City Manager Chapa announced he will be out of the office the week of January 17<sup>th</sup> to attend the League of California Cities New Mayors and Elected Officials Conference. Fire Chief Greg Tarascou will sit in City Manager's place at the January 19<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

I. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez

1. Thanked Public Works Staff for their handling of issues resulting from recent storms.
2. Asked Staff to address the potholes on Canal Drive and Hill Avenue that resulted from the rain.

Councilmember Melendez

1. Asked Staff to follow up on her request regarding potholes on J and K Streets.
2. Asked that Council be notified when Measure S grant applications are available.

Councilmember Montelongo

1. Said he is also receiving calls from businesses regarding the issues with receiving business licenses.
2. Requested an update on the Fire Station remodel.  
Chief Tarascou said he met with the consultant, consultant's attorney, and the City Attorney regarding the RFP and he feels they have one responsive bid. They will meet with the bidder the following week to discuss the terms and likely bring back to Council in February.
3. Requested an email be sent to Council with an update on recruitments.
4. Requested Staff follow up on his request for information regarding fees for non-profits.
5. Asked Staff to address the trimming of trees in downtown.
6. Requested on update on the rezone for the General Plan.  
City Manager Chapa said Staff will provide an update in writing.

Mayor Gonzalez

1. Echoed the concern regarding business licenses. He said businesses are not having their calls returned and believes there may be miscommunication between the City and HDL, the contracted agency.
2. Requested an email be sent to Council with a schedule of upcoming water projects.
3. Requested an email be sent to Council with a detailed schedule of maintenance on existing wells.
4. Asked that Staff utilize local people for developing the new well.  
City Manager Chapa said Staff will bring something back to Council.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the Council adjourned their meeting at 7:41 PM.

ATTEST:



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Rebeca P. Ramirez, City Clerk