



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANGER CITY COUNCIL

March 21, 2019
6:00 P.M.
Council Chamber
1700 7th Street
Sanger, California 93657

A complete audio record of the meeting is available at www.ci.sanger.ca.us.

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The flag salute was led by Mayor Gonzalez.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Frank Gonzalez, Council Member Eli Ontiveros, Council Member Humberto Garza, Council Member Esmeralda Hurtado

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Martinez

C. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

The Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros approved the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, ONTIVEROS, GARZA, HURTADO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Martinez arrived at [6:04:03 PM](#).

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Ivette Rodriguez of Mid Valley Disposal presented their quarterly report.

E. PUBLIC FORUM 6:20:05 PM

Jerry Valadez, CEO of SAM Academy, announced SAM Academy is celebrating its 6th anniversary this year. He invited Council Members to stop by on Saturday to watch the High School mentors complete their painting of the General Grant Tree. He said Sam Academy is preparing for its 2nd Parent Workshop, which is supported by Measure S. He expressed his concern about the streets and sidewalks downtown are dangerous. He said the concerns he has regarding the Citizen's Oversight Committee are still there.

Oswaldo Vera said SAM Academy is the best program in Sanger.

Kevin Carter said there has been progress on the widening of Bethel Avenue but the traffic around the high school is still a mess. The City needs more code enforcement, not less, especially with the State's requirement of more affordable housing in town. The City should push towards higher priced homes and subdivisions that might be more beneficial to the City. He said the road at Academy Avenue and 180 is a mess.

An unidentified resident said the low-rent housing requirement from the state will take 63 acres of housing and asked how much land would be left available. He said the Citizen's Oversight Committee meeting cancellation notice had no date and is waiting for a response.

Melissa Griggs suggested the State of the City be done during a football game. She said not having an invocation before today's meeting is not good.

Dick Sheppard commended Tom Navarro, City Attorney Montoy and City Staff on the Planning Commission meeting workshop. He said it was well handled and provided a lot of good information to inform the public.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros pulled Item F-4 and approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 21, 2019, and the Special and Regular Meetings held on March 7, 2019.
2. SUBJECT: REVIEWED - Warrants including Check Nos. 78258 through 78374.
3. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-14 - 2020 U.S. Census
The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-14 recognizing the importance of the 2020 U.S. Census.

5. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Assignment of City Council Representative to the Sanger Youth Council.
The City Council assigned Council Member Esmeralda Hurtado as the City Council's representative to the Sanger Youth Council.
6. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Sanger Police Department Security Fencing Project.
The City Council approved a budget amendment to appropriate funding for the Sanger Police Department Security Fencing Project.

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

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

4. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Final Acceptance – Bethel and Church Avenue Traffic Signal.

After further discussion, the City Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros: 1) accepted the work for the Bethel and Church Avenue Traffic Signal in the amount of \$265,739.86; 2) authorized recordation of the Notice of Completion with Fresno County Recorder; and 3) authorized payment of 5% retention in the amount of \$13,286.99 to Cable Links Construction, upon expiration of the 35-day lien period. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

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

G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Second Amendment to the 2005 Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Fresno and the City of Sanger.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros approved the Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Fresno, City of Sanger, and Sanger Redevelopment Agency and authorized the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

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

2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Award of Contract – Rehabilitation and Repairs of Well No. 2A.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros: 1) awarded the contract for the rehabilitation and repairs of Well No. 2A in the amount not to exceed \$79,671.72 to Valley Pump and Dairy Systems, Inc., 10475 14th Ave., Armona, CA 93202; 2) authorized a 10% contingency in the amount of \$7,967.17; and 3) authorized the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hurtado and approved by the following vote:

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

3. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-15 - Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros: 1) approved Resolution No. 2019-15 accepting the Engineer’s Report; 2) approved Resolution No. 2019-16 of intention to levy and collect assessments for the maintenance within the Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1; and 3) set a Public Hearing for May 16, 2019. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

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

4. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 2019-17 - Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 2.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros: 1) approved Resolution No. 2019-17 accepting the Engineer’s Report; 2) approved Resolution No. 2019-18 of intention to levy and collect assessments for the maintenance within the Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 2; and 3) set a Public Hearing for May 16, 2019. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

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

H. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Tim Chapa commended City Staff for the Planning Commission Workshop. He thanked Public Works Director John Mulligan for serving as Acting City Manager in his absence the prior week.

I. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez thanked Staff for their work on the Veteran's Park Groundbreaking Ceremony. He said it was a great event and well attended. He thanked Staff for bringing the Police Department security fence project to the Council and for finding alternative funding.

Council Member Ontiveros thanked Staff for the wonderful job on the Groundbreaking Ceremony. He asked if the Rotary Park fence is locked during game times. Director Mulligan said the School District locks the gate to prevent access to the school grounds and he is working with them on the issue. Council Member Ontiveros submitted a document to the City Attorney suggesting a violation of the Brown Act occurred when the cancellation notice of the March 5, 2019 Citizen's Oversight Committee meeting was not posted to the website.

Council Member Garza had nothing to report.

Council Member Hurtado had nothing to report.

Mayor Gonzalez asked if all Code Enforcement Officer positions are filled. City Manager Chapa said the City has part-time code enforcement positions and 1 position is currently unfilled.

Mayor Gonzalez asked what the City's position is regarding the condition of the street at Highway 180 and Academy Avenue. City Manager Chapa said the County issued the permit for the street work. The City provided authority to tie in with the water services, which had to be initiated by December. The time line with the City was met. City Manager Chapa said Staff will reach out to County Staff to see what they can do about the progress of the street work.

Mayor Gonzalez asked what is the City's timeline for the annexation. Development Services Director Tom Navarro said additional studies are taking place and are expected to be completed in the next month or two, followed by public hearings with the Planning Commission. The City Council will hold two public hearings. The annexation portion will then be addressed. There is a risk of some potential challenges that Staff is currently monitoring. The anticipated timeline for completion is in the fall of this year.

Mayor Gonzalez said there were some hotels that were interested in coming to Sanger. They had asked if the City had completed some type of assessment. Director Navarro said some hotels will ask for that and they usually cost about \$20,000. He said it's something the Council can consider with the upcoming budget if needed. Director Navarro said there are also some hotels that have not requested that and Staff is continuing contact with them.

Council Member Ontiveros said about four years ago a hotel industry completed a study at a cost of \$10,000. Half of the cost was paid up front but the study was not completed and the payment was sent back.

Mayor Gonzalez thanked Staff for organizing the Groundbreaking Ceremony and the Planning Commission meeting regarding the rezoning.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the Council adjourned their meeting at [7:04:05 PM](#).

ATTEST:



Rebeca Padron, City Clerk