



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANGER CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 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 PM.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was offered by Pastor Neil Harris.

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, Council Member Esmeralda Hurtado
Absent: None

C. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

The Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros deleted Item F-10 and Item H-1 and approved the agenda as amended. 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

D. PRESENTATION

1. Moses Stites, General Manager of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, spoke in recognition of their 40th Anniversary and their partnership with the City of Sanger.
2. Fabrizio Lofaro and Rory Smith gave a presentation on the Valley ROP Urban Rural Firefighting Program.
3. Jason Siegen, Executive Vice President of CrisCom presented their quarterly report.

E. PUBLIC FORUM

Bobbi Philips asked the Council to keep the Measure S Grant amount at \$125,000.

Mariana provided comment on how her children will be affected by the lack of funding from the Measure S Grants.

Dr. Jerry Valadez, CEO of SAM Academy, provided comment on downtown revitalization and how there are various areas around the Sanger community that need attention. He also asked the Council to restore the Measure S grant amount to \$125,000.

Marina Sanchez, a high school mentor at SAM Academy, provided comment on the condition of Sanger parks. She also asked the Council to continue to fund the SAM Academy program.

Mary Marquez, provided comment on the number of businesses and lack of job opportunities in Sanger.

Crystle Meza and Jose Almeda, representatives of SAM Academy, asked the Council to recognize SAM Academy and to continue funding the program.

Victor White made a request to the Council to re-do the 10 Year Plan.

Donna Bailey provided comment on the Citizen's Oversight Committee. She also provided comment on the Measure S Grant.

Unnamed resident provided comment on SAM Academy. He also provided comment on the Citizen's Oversight Committee.

Vincent, a representative of SAM Academy, provided comment on how he would like children to continue to learn and have fun at SAM Academy.

Tom Nicholson provided comment on how Sanger needs a larger venue for the Sanger High School Athletic Hall of Fame Induction ceremonies. He also provided comment on downtown revitalization.

Kevin Carter provided comment on the Citizen's Oversight Committee.

Steve Warden provided comment on the Citizen's Oversight Committee meeting on Monday, May 13th and how legal representation should be present at the meeting.

Osvaldo Vera provided comment on the how the youth are the future of Sanger.

Eric Cisneros provided comment on some of the struggles he has faced growing up in Sanger. He also provided comment on the lack of jobs in Sanger.

Don invited the Council to the Memorial Day services taking place in Sanger.

George Flores asked the Council to continue to provide the youth of Sanger with opportunities.

Ms. Perez spoke on behalf of the non-profits.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros pulled Item F-8 and approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings held on May 2, 2019.
2. SUBJECT: REVIEWED - Warrants including Check Nos. 78761 through 78874.
3. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Payroll including Direct Deposit Nos. 47342 through 47458; Payroll Check Nos. 56949 through 56967; and Benefit Check Nos. 1476 through 1479.
4. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Treasurer's Reports – March 31, 2019.
The City Council accepted the Treasurer's Reports as of March 31, 2019.
5. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Property/Evidence Room Audit and Inspection.
The City Council: 1) approved the expenditure of \$11,500 from the Measure S Fund for the engagement of a private firm to conduct a Property/Evidence Room Audit & Inspection; and 2) authorized the City Manager to execute any pertinent contracts or agreements on behalf of the City.
6. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Purchase of Ballistic Protective Shields.
The City Council approved the expenditure of \$8,271 from the Measure S Fund for the purchase of 5 Ballistic Protective Shields, as safety equipment for Sanger Officers.
7. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Acceptance of Deed of Easement – Burger King Restaurant.
The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-24 accepting the Deed of Easement for public utility purposes as part of the public improvement requirements of the Burger King Restaurant at 742 Academy Avenue.

9. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Right of Way Acquisition – Bethel Avenue Widening and Overlay.
The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-26 to: 1) approve the Right of Way Contracts for permanent and temporary easements for properties located at 790 and 760 Bethel Avenue; 2) authorize the City Manager to sign the Contracts on behalf of the City and open escrow for the sales; and 3) accept the right-of-way dedications for permanent public street and utility purposes and temporary construction purposes at the same properties.
10. **SUBJECT:** DELETED - Donation of Surplus Fire Engine.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the request to donate a 1985 Van Pelt fire engine that has been decommissioned to the Fresno County Chapter of Pink Heals, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing emotional and financial support to women fighting cancer across the Nation.
11. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Letter of Opposition - Semitropic Water Storage District.
The City Council approved the letter of opposition to the Semitropic Water Storage District's request to revise the fully appropriated stream status of the Kings River, and authorize the Mayor to sign and submit the letter 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

8. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Fair Labor Standards Act Audit.
After further discussion, the Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros approved Resolution No. 2019-25 authorizing a budget amendment in the amount of \$20,000 for an FLSA audit. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

G. **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Annual Assessments for Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1.

The City Council conducted a public hearing to discuss the annual assessments for Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1.

No public comment was offered.

The Council closed the public hearing.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros approved Resolution No. 2019-27 approving the levying of annual assessments for the Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No.1 and directed the City Clerk to record the resolution with the Fresno County Office of the Recorder. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

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

2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Annual Assessments for Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 2.

The City Council conducted a public hearing to discuss the annual assessments for Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 2

No public comment as offered.

The Council closed the public hearing.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros approved Resolution No. 2019-28 approving the levying of annual assessments for the Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No.2 and directed the City Clerk to record the resolution with the Fresno County Office of the Recorder. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

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

3. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Master Fee Schedule Amendment.

The City Council conducted a public hearing to discuss amendments to the Master Fee Schedule.

Public comment:

Unnamed resident questioned what the “private” category in Chief Tarascou’s presentation represented.

City Manager Tim Chapa reported that it means the City contracts for this service.

Mr. White asked if the fees are in attempt to cover the benefits and the salaries of the employees dedicated to the ambulance.

Fire Chief Tarascou reported that the department’s general fund budget does have an ambulance division program, but the budget is within the general fund.

The Council closed the public hearing.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Garza approved Resolution No. 2019-29 amending the Master Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 relating to Community Development Department and Fire Department Fees. The motion was seconded by Mayor Gonzalez and approved by the following vote:

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

4. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Academy Avenue Reconstruction Project – Academy and Almond Avenues.

Council Member Ontiveros recused himself because he owns property located within 500 feet of the subject property, and left his seat at the dais.

The City Council conducted a public hearing to discuss the removal of an existing marked crosswalk at the Academy and Almond Avenue intersections.

No public comment was offered.

The Council closed the public hearing.

The Council by motion of Council Member Garza approved the removal of an existing marked crosswalk located at the Academy and Almond Avenue intersections. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

Council Member Ontiveros returned to his seat at the dais.

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: DELETED - Option and Lease Agreement for AT&T Cell Tower.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the Option and Land Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Sanger.

I. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Chapa reported that he, Mayor Gonzalez, and Community Development Director Tom Navarro will be attending the International Shopping Center Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

City Manager Chapa reported that Fire Chief Tarascou will be the acting City Manager in his absence.

City Manager Chapa reported that special budget meetings will be held to consider adopting the budget. The first one is on Thursday, May 30th. The second will be on Thursday, June 13th for the completion of staff presentations. The last one will be held on Wednesday, June 26th in case the budget has not yet been adopted.

J. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez said he attended the Citizen's Oversight Committee meeting held on Monday, May 13th. He reminded the audience of the importance of the Brown Act.

Council Member Ontiveros commended City Manager Chapa for holding the Special Planning Commission Meeting at the Community Center. He suggested there be an expansion made to the Community Center and asked the Council for consensus to have it on the next Agenda.

The Council gave consensus.

Council Member Ontiveros also asked the Council for consensus on have the City Attorney present at the Citizen's Oversight Committee meetings.

Council Member Hurtado had nothing to report.

Council Member Garza provided comment on SAM Academy and expressed how non-profits need local support.


Mayor Gonzalez said his trip to Washington went well and overall it was a great meeting.

Mayor Gonzalez said he attended a meeting of the Downtown Revitalization Committee and he would like to make downtown revitalization a priority.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the Council adjourned their meeting at 8:40 PM.

ATTEST:



Heather Gonzales, HR Technician