MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SANGER CITY COUNCIL

September 17, 2013
6:00 P.M.
Council Chamber

The regular meeting convened at 6:08 P.M.

Councilmembers Present: MITCHELL, NIELSON, PACHECO, ONTIVEROS, CANTU
Councilmembers Absent: None

PUBLIC FORUM PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION

None

CLOSED SESSION

Council went into Closed Session to:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
   Conference with Labor Negotiators
   Agency Representatives: City Manager Brian Haddix, City Attorney Jenell Van Bindsbergen, Finance Director Debby Sultan, City Clerk Becky Hernandez
   Employee Organizations: All Bargaining Groups

2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)
   Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
   Name of Case: US and the State of California, et al. v. J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc., et. al.
   US District Court, CD Cal, Case No. ED CV-06-0055

The City Council reconvened their meeting at 7:05 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by Councilmember Ontiveros.
The flag salute was led by Councilmember Ontiveros.

ROLL CALL
Present: MITCHELL, NIELSON, ONTIVEROS, CANTU, PACHECO
Absent: NONE

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Jenell Van Bindsbergen reported no action taken.

AGENDA APPROVAL

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Representatives from the Boys & Girls Club provided a quarterly update on the Street Smart & Project Purple programs. A power point presentation was presented which provided a recap of activities, events, and field trips conducted from March 2013 through August 2013. A total of 1362 were served. Eight (8) youth participants were in attendance and addressed the City Council on what they have learned through their participation.

Mayor Mitchell asked for confirmation of the total budget allocated to support the programs. Finance Director Sultan confirmed that combined, $65,000 was budgeted and allocated in support. Mayor Mitchell requested detailed information on how the dollars are spent. Boys & Girls representative Arlene Mendoza stated that she could provide more detail to the City for their review. City Manager Haddix, also stated that the City can provide a breakdown on monies as well.

Councilmember Pacheco inquired as to statistical information on youth who did not stay within the program and the reason why. Boys & Girls Club staff Arlene and Tammy stated while outreach continues formulating on-going relationships with the youth takes time and they try to foster those relationships through Club activities before engaging them into the Street Smart program curriculum.

Councilmember Cantu commended the program and stated he is glad the City is able to help support them in their efforts.

PUBLIC FORUM

Public comment was received from Melissa Griggs.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council by motion of Councilmember Cantu pulled Item H-2 Minutes for the Joint Meeting of the Sanger City Council and the City of Sanger as Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency held on September 5, 2013 for separate discussion and Councilmember Ontiveros approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

REVIEWED – Item H-1 Monthly Warrants Nos. 61349 through 61478.

APPROVED – Item H-3 Final Acceptance – Academy Ave. Banner Pole Project.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nielson and unanimously approved.

Item H-2 Minutes for the Joint Meeting of the Sanger City Council and the City of Sanger as Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency held on September 5, 2013

After separate discussion, the Council by motion of Councilmember Ontiveros approved the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Neilson and unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ITEM I-1 – APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 4433 - PG&E Enhanced Economic Development Rate (EEDR).

The Council by motion of Councilmember Cantu Adopt Resolution No. 4433 reaffirming Sanger's support for Pacific Gas & Electric Company's proposal to establish an Enhanced Economic Development Rate using the original proposal. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ontiveros and unanimously approved.

ITEM I-2 – APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 4435 - Creation of New Joint Powers Authority

After discussion, the Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Nielson, (1) approve the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement authorizing the creation of a new Joint Powers Authority between the City and the California Municipal Finance Authority; (2) authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign the agreement; and (3) Adopt Resolution No. 4435 authorizing the execution and delivery of a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement by and between the City of Sanger and California Municipal Finance Authority to create the Sanger Financing Authority and approving and authorizing certain other matters relating thereto. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cantu and unanimously approved.

ITEM I-3 – APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 4434 - Authorization for the Submission of an Application for Grant Funds from the Habitat Conservation Fund Program for the Kings River Nature Study Area.

The Council by motion of Councilmember Pacheco: 1) approved Resolution No. 4434 approving the application for grant funds from the Habitat Conservation Fund Program; (2) authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement(s) on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ontiveros and unanimously approved.

ITEM I-4 – APPROVED – Approve contract with MGT of America

The Council by motion of Councilmember Ontiveros: approved that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with MGT of America for Senate Bill 90 State Reimbursement Claim Program services. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cantu and unanimously approved.

ITEM I-5 – APPROVED – ATT Cell Tower Lease Revenue

The Council by motion of Councilmember Cantu approve the lease revenue from the AT&T Cell Tower agreement to remain in the general fund as discretionary funds and not restrict such funds for youth based services. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ontiveros and unanimously approved.

ITEM I-6 – APPROVED – Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services for Participation in the Ground Emergency Medical Transport Program

Public Comment was received by Mr. Villalobos

After discussion, the Council by motion of Councilmember Cantu approve the agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for the Fire Department's participation in the ground Emergency Medical Transportation Services Program and authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary document on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pacheco and unanimously approved.

CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Brian Haddix reported the following: met with new President of Reedley College, Dr. Caldwell; attended the Finance Sub-Committee meeting regarding JCI Bond Financing; Interviewed potential labor negotiators; met with Kathleen Maddox regarding Mural Project with the Downtown Association; Met with the CEO of United Health Centers encouraging them to consider moving their headquarters to the City of Sanger; reported on the Fresno COG meeting with regards to narrowing final scenario for economic growth, which will come back to Council for review in October; participated in the check presentation for support of Media Lab; discussion with Muni Services to retain sales tax from purchases through JCI project; and reported that Sanger's rate of Sales Tax Growth is up 7.9%.

MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Pacheco had nothing to report.

Councilmember Cantu reported on the following: attended the Finance Sub-Committee regarding JCI Bond Financing; participated in the Watch Dog/Father's Program at Wilson School; and participated in interviewing labor negotiators.

Councilmember Ontiveros reported that he met with City Manager Haddix regarding the potential revenue sources for funding the lighted crosswalk project in support of Melissa Grigg's request.

Mayor Pro Tem Nielson had nothing to report.

Mayor Mitchell reported on the following: addressed the PUC in support of PG&E Enhanced Economic Rate; welcomed Mr. Ortiz, the High School Senior who lead the effort in winning the World Series and will pursue a fund raising event with him in support of Hope Sanger; met with CEO of United Health Centers and spoke with David Phillips regarding a Veteran's Outreach Program; and he commented on and supports Melissa Grigg's sidewalk project. Mayor Mitchell voiced his frustration on the number of worthy projects that are not being completed and wants to eliminate the "ping pong" response in handling issues brought forward by Council, etc. he wants to see a better method put into place for prioritizing projects and needs of the City.

City Manager Haddix requested Fire Chief Tarascou provide the Council with information regarding the rededication of the plaque commemorating 9/11. Chief Tarascou informed the Council that a new plaque had been commissioned and the plaque was in Council chambers for viewing. Chief informed Council that there will be a rededication of the 9/11 plaque on Veteran's Day in conjunction with the Veteran's Day Parade event and that more details will be brought back at a future Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the Council adjourned their meeting at 8:36 p.m.