

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE SANGER CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITY OF SANGER AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE SANGER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

September 3, 2015
6:00 P.M.
Council Chamber
1700 7th Street, Sanger, CA 93657

A. CALL TO ORDER

The joint meeting was called to order at [6:00:59 PM](#).

Council Member Eli Ontiveros announced that in the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Cantu, he will be presiding over the meeting. Interim City Manager Keller stated that Mayor Pro Tem Cantu is attending his son's back to school night and is expected to arrive later this evening.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The flag salute was led by Council Member Tony Pacheco.

Roll Call

Present: Council Member Eli Ontiveros, Council Member Humberto Garza, Council Member Tony Pacheco

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Raul Cantu

C. PUBLIC FORUM PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION

None.

The Council adjourned to Closed Session at [6:03:08 PM](#).

D. CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency designated representatives: City Attorney, Interim City Manager,
Finance Director, City Clerk/Deputy Personnel Officer
Employee Organization: Sanger Firefighters Association

E. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Council reconvened their meeting at [6:16:00 PM](#).

City Attorney Scott Cross reported that there was no action taken.

F. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

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

AYES: ONTIVEROS, PACHECO, GARZA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: CANTU

G. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

The Council recognized Firefighter Student Interns Andres Miranda and Johnathon Davila for their service to the Sanger Fire Department.

H. WORKSHOP/PRESENTATION [6:22:22 PM](#)

Bella Lopez of Mid Valley Disposal provided the Council with an update on the disposal operations and events that have occurred in Sanger in the last few months. She stated that Chuck Wagon was awarded Recycler of the Year for 2015 and that Mid Valley awarded five scholarships to Sanger High School students. Ms. Lopez announced that the next Community Clean Up event is scheduled for October 3rd. Council Member Pacheco challenged the other Council Members to join him in volunteering with the event on October 3, 2015.

I. PUBLIC FORUM

Kathryn Pacheco asked that the City Attorney ensure that a Brown Act violation does not happen again as stated in last week's Sanger Herald and that the City ask the Sanger Herald for a retraction. She also asked if the press is able to contact the City Attorney to confirm or verify any information.

City Attorney Scott Cross assured that no violation occurred. The item under question was related to the selection of the city manager recruitment firm. He also stated that he is available should the press want to contact him for confirmation or verification of information.

Oswaldo Vera asked if instead of the City spending \$30,000 for a recruiting firm if it can be done in-house and let the community select the next City Manager.

Council Member Ontiveros closed the Public Forum and asked City Attorney Cross if it would be appropriate to have Mr. Vera contact the Interim City Manager to discuss his concerns regarding the search for a new City Manager. Both City Attorney Cross and Interim City Manager Keller welcomed anyone to contact Ms. Keller to discuss any issue.

J. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

City of Sanger City Council

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the joint meeting of the City Council and the City of Sanger as Successor Agency to the Sanger Redevelopment Agency held on August 20, 2015.
2. SUBJECT: REVIEWED Monthly Warrants.
3. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the Sanger Planning Commission meeting held on June 25, 2015.
4. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Amending Chapter 90 of the City of Sanger Municipal Code Related to Manufactured Housing.
The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1161 amending Chapter 90 of the Sanger Municipal Code by amending Section 90-36 Definition of Manufactured Housing; Repealing Section 90-1009; and Adding Section 90-898 Related to Manufactured Housing.
5. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Amending Chapter 14 of the Sanger Municipal Code Related to Permitting Procedures for Rooftop Solar Systems.
The City Council approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 1162 amending Section 14.93 of Chapter 14 of the Sanger Municipal Code relating to Expedited Permitting Procedures for Small Residential Rooftop Solar Systems.
6. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Approval of Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging (FMAAA) Contracts for FY 15/16.
The City Council approved the contract between the City of Sanger and the Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging (FMAAA), which encompass the entire FY 15/16 and authorized the Interim City Manager to execute the contract.
7. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Sales Tax Holiday.
The City Council adopted Resolution No. 4578 to approve waiving the 1.75% sales tax owed to the City for the weekends of December 5-6, 2015 and March 5-6, 2016.
8. SUBJECT: Manufacturing Awareness and Appreciation Month Proclamation.
The City Council declared the month of October as "Manufacturing Awareness and Appreciation Month".

City of Sanger as Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency

9. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule.
The City of Sanger as Successor Agency to the Sanger Redevelopment Agency adopted Resolution No. 15-04 approving the Recognized Obligation for January – June 2016 (“ROPS 15-16B”) as required by the State per Assembly Bill 1X 26.

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

AYES: ONTIVEROS, PACHECO, GARZA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: CANTU

K. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Sanger and the Sanger Firefighters Association. [6:37:14 PM](#)

Public Comment:

Oswaldo Vera asked if the two interns recognized earlier were paid.
Finance Director Sultan confirmed that they were paid through the SAFR grant.

Fred Heisman asked if the \$70,000 would be an additional annual cost.
Interim City Manager Keller affirmed that the cost is annual.

Council Member Ontiveros offered his appreciation of the Sanger Fire Fighters Association for their work with the City.

The Council by motion of Council Member Pacheco approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Sanger and the Sanger Firefighters Association for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and authorized the Interim City Manager to execute the MOU. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

AYES: ONTIVEROS, PACHECO, GARZA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: CANTU

2. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Request by SAM Academy for Alley Mural Project.
[6:42:03 PM](#)

Public Comment:

Dr. Valadez with SAM academy was asked by Planner Woodcock to give an overview of the mural project. Dr. Valadez called on one of the students, Justine, to give the Council an overview of what they have been doing in preparation of moving forward with the mural. Dr. Valadez stated that there are twenty active members participating on the project

Oswaldo Vera voiced his support of the request.

Christine Erickson voiced her hope that the city of Sanger understands how lucky Sanger is to have Juan leading the mural project. She referenced Exeter and Visalia as being famous for their murals and how they incorporate area features, such as the Sierras in their murals and that Coalinga highlights their oil industry. Her hope is to have Sanger do the same with incorporating natural elements.

Doris Knowlton stated that SAM academy has done so much to allow the kids to feel proud of themselves. She is hopeful that the murals will be so pretty that the Council will ask for more.

Fred Heisman supported the project and to have more Murals. He suggested that donations be solicited, use SAM Academy, and promote the Nation's Christmas Tree theme, and also suggested to tie into Christmas Fest.

Juan conveyed his disappointment that the City has allowed graffiti to remain in areas for years but that once the SAM Academy kids start painting the Police Department shows up within five minutes to stop them.

Interim City Manager Keller stated that Mayor Pro Tem Cantu was the one who addressed the issue as a means to inform the Police Department that this was a mural project and not kids engaging in graffiti. The Police Chief merely informed SAM that the City has a formal process for painting murals.

Dick Sheppard commented that the Herald is lucky to have SAM next door and that he looks forward to the alley being cleaned up as it is very ugly.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Garza moved to waive the Conditional Use Permit Fee for the SAM Academy Alley Mural Project and authorized students to continue to work on the Alley Mural contingent upon final approval by the Sanger Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pacheco and approved by the following vote:

AYES: ONTIVEROS, PACHECO, GARZA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: CANTU

3. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Participation in the Medi-Cal Intergovernmental Rate Range Program. [7:04:06 PM](#)

The Council by motion of Council Member Pacheco approved the following contracts establishing eligibility for the City of Sanger Fire Department to participate in the Medi-Cal Intergovernmental Transfer Rate-Range Program for the recovery of unreimbursed ambulance service costs and authorized the Interim City Manager to execute the contracts:

- Health Plan Provider Agreement between the City of Sanger and Anthem Blue Cross
- Intergovernmental Agreement regarding Transfer of Public Funds between the City of Sanger and the California Department of Health Care Services (for Anthem Blue Cross)
- Intergovernmental Transfer Fee between the City of Sanger and California Department of Health Care Services (for Anthem Blue Cross)
- Health Plan Provider Agreement between the City of Sanger and CalViva Health
- Intergovernmental Agreement regarding Transfer of Public Funds between the City of Sanger and the California Department of Health Care Services (for CalViva Health)
- Intergovernmental Transfer Fee between the City of Sanger and California Department of Health Care Services (for CalViva Health).

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

AYES: ONTIVEROS, PACHECO, GARZA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: CANTU

4. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Hotel Feasibility Agreement with Kallenberger Jones. [7:15:22 PM](#)

Public Comment:

Oswaldo Vera stated that spending \$15,000 to bring a hotel in is not good and that they bring in pollution, trash, etc.

Fred Heisman stated that in talking with other hotels Sanger can support 80-100 rooms with a large banquet hall. It will generate more money for the City in revenues that will more than cover the \$15,000 investment and taxes will be collected.

Kathryn Pacheco voiced her support and that Sanger needs a hotel, not just for travelers but for family members of Sanger residents.

An unidentified gentleman voiced his support and stated the City should spend the money on the study. He shared that he works for a company that has guests coming every week and that they send their guests to the Marriott in Clovis. It would be better for them to have somewhere in Sanger. He stated that they have eight customers a month. He also mentioned that he was involved with looking at hosting a wrestling tournament in Sanger but that there was nowhere to house participants.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantu arrived at [7:24:01 PM](#).

The Council by motion of Council Member Garza authorized the Interim City Manager to execute the Agreement with Kallenberger Jones to conduct a Hotel Feasibility Study and adopted Resolution No. 4579 authorizing a budget adjustment in the amount of \$15,000 to cover the cost of the Study. The motion was seconded by Council Member Ontiveros and approved by the following vote:

AYES: CANTU, ONTIVEROS, PACHECO, GARZA
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

L. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

Interim City Manager Keller provided the following information: Greg Nelson with Ralph Anderson & Associates is working with the City Clerk on the City Manager recruitment. Mr. Nelson will be in Sanger on Tuesday to meet with each Council Members for input.

Interim Manager Keller asked both the Fire Chief and Police Captain to give a brief summary on their Department operations.

Chief Tarascou provided the following information: the Department has been very busy with fires, both with providing strike team assignments in support of the Rough Fire and a lot of recent structure fires in Sanger. He referred to the fire that took place last night on Industrial Way and shared that it was a great example of how effective and the value of sprinkler systems. Chief also shared that he has been working with Pitman Farms with their expansion and with Sanger Crossing with their accessibility for fire engines, etc. Chief gave a staffing update. The Department is in the process of hiring two staff members – candidates are going through the background process. Chief shared many of the staff on Workers Comp are coming back on full duty. Chief mentioned that the National Night Out event was a great success. “Coffee with the Chiefs” had about two dozen participants and both he and Police Chief will continue hosting these events and will rotate locations throughout the community. Other topics included: the department hosts CPR classes almost on monthly basis in both English and Spanish; Open House will be held on October 10th during Fire Prevention Week from noon to 5pm.

Captain Matsuzaki provided a Police Department update which included: echoed Chief Tarascou's comments on the National Night Out and added that the Police Department provided a K-9 demonstration; traffic patrol has been increased to address the beginning of the school semester; Sanger has had some recent serious crimes and investigations are on-going; the Department is in the process of hiring officers and commended the addition of CalOPPS for applicants. He also stated that the Department is in need of new patrol vehicles and that the Department will co-host the Open House event on October 10th.

Community Development Director Dan Spears gave an update on current and future development projects.

Public Works Director John Mulligan provided an update on various projects which included: Sanger Unified is interested in partnering with the City with upgrading and/or replacing the flooring at the Youth Center; Annadale and Greenwood projects are just about completed and the relocation of utilities remaining in a few areas; the City is partnering with CalFire and allowing them access to city water for their needs in fighting the various fires in our area.

Finance Director Debby Sultan announced that the City is now offering Auto Pay as a convenience for paying utility bills.

M. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Pacheco offered his appreciation for all the staff communications and updates. He informed the Council that he attended Hubzone on August 26th and the Woman's Club Fundraiser in support of Sanger Scholarships. He shared that the Club went from funding two \$500 scholarships to four \$1,000 scholarships. He also attended the Sept 1st COC meeting and offered congratulations to Jeanne Adams for her appointment as Chair and Tony Gonzales for appointment to Secretary.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantu commented that he attended the September 1st COC to conduct the Oath of Office. He also shared that as a realtor it is important to have curb appeal and that includes the community too as such he is interested in looking at getting costs to repaint the water towers and welcomes community input on designs. Mayor Pro Tem also is interested in having more residents attend the Council meetings and offered that perhaps the city should consider live broadcasts and has asked for costs associated with that.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the Council adjourned their meeting at [8:03:05 PM](#).