



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE SANGER CITY COUNCIL

January 7, 2016
6:00 P.M.
Council Chamber
1700 7th Street
Sanger, CA 93657

A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

Pastor Gary Duran offered the invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Raul Cantu led the flag salute.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Raul Cantu, Council Member Eli Ontiveros, Council Member Tony Pacheco, Council Member Humberto Garza

Absent: None

C. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

The Council by motion of Council Member Garza approved the agenda as presented. 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

D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

1. Police Chief Silver Rodriguez introduced newly appointed Police Officers Fernando Garcia and Juan Valle.
2. Brijeshwar "BJ" Jhutti was unable to attend the Council meeting for recognition for his service on the Sanger Planning Commission.
3. The Council recognized the Sanger Youth Football Valley Elite Football Champions: Warriors, Cheyennes and Chaparrals for their record setting 30-0 victory.
4. The Council recognized Interim City Manager Dayle Keller for her service to the City.

E. PUBLIC FORUM

No public comment was offered.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros removed item F-2 Warrants and approved the following item on the Consent Calendar:

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of a City Council special meeting held on December 11, 2015 and a regular meeting held on December 17, 2015.

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

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

After further discussion the Council by motion of Council Member Garza approved the following item on the Consent Calendar:

2. SUBJECT: Warrants including Check Nos. 68610 through 68757.

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

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

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 4592 - Amendment to Master Fee Schedule for Basin Excavation Permit and Fill Dirt Sale Fees.

The Council conducted a Public Hearing to discuss an amendment to the Master Fee Schedule for basin excavation permit and fill dirt sale fees.

Public comment:

Fred Heisman stated that this was a good opportunity but suggested that the City make sure that the dirt is not contaminated so the City will not become liable.

The Council closed the Public Hearing.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Garza adopted Resolution No. 4592 amending the City of Sanger Master Fee Schedule by adding fees for permit and sale of fill dirt from the City's master-planned drain basins. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pacheco and approved by the following vote:

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

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 4593 - Fresno Council of Governments (COG) 2015/2016 Call for Projects – Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ).

The City Council by motion of Council Member Pacheco adopted Resolution No. 4593 supporting and implementing timely use of funds on federal-aid projects. 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

2. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 4594 - Budget Amendment for 2016 CMAQ Sidewalk Project.

Public comment:

Donna Bailey asked if the project area is in Council Member Garza's district. City Engineer Josh Rogers confirmed that it is.

Oswaldo Vera stated that it's awful where there is no sidewalk on Academy Avenue and if it is either that or the red light then it should be the sidewalk.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros adopted Resolution No. 4594 approving a Budget Amendment for the 15/16 fiscal year appropriating federal CMAQ funding in the amount of \$532,400 and a local match of \$99,200 from local transportation revenues for the design and construction of sidewalk, curb ramps and associated pedestrian infrastructure in southeast Sanger. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pacheco and approved by the following vote:

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

3. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 4595 - Budget Amendment for Traffic Signal at Bethel and Church Avenues.

Public comment:

Donna Bailey stated that she has not experienced heavy traffic in that area.

Kathryn Pacheco stated that her back yard is adjacent to Bethel Avenue north of Church Avenue. She said that she has been there for 12 years and there is more and more traffic and that there should be a traffic light there because it would be helpful and safer.

Jim Miser asked for a clarification because earlier it was stated that a traffic light was not needed at 5th Street and Bethel Avenue. It was clarified to him that the area being referred to is Church and Bethel.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Garza adopted Resolution No. 4595 approving a budget amendment for the 15/16 fiscal year appropriating federal CMAQ funding in the amount of \$342,000 and a local match of \$56,200 from Traffic Facility impact fees for the design and construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of Bethel and Church Avenues. (The local match was revised from \$44,300 to \$56,200 after publication of the agenda and the revised value was presented to the Council during the meeting.) 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

4. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 4596 - Vacant Building General Sales Tax Rebate Policy.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros adopted Resolution No. 4596 authorizing a 50% refund of the City's share of general sales taxes (excluding Measure S) for the first three years of operation, to businesses that occupy long-vacant buildings in the City of Sanger between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

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

5. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 4597 - Establishing a Compensation Range and Adopting a Job Description for the position of Administrative Services Director.

Public comment:

Kathryn Pacheco asked if the job description is the same for both positions. Interim City Manager Keller indicated that it is not and that the red-lined job description included with the staff report is the job description for Administrative Services Director.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Garza adopted Resolution No. 4597 establishing a compensation range for the position of Administrative Services Director and adopted the job description amending the Minimum Qualifications section by clarifying that a Master's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in Accounting and Business Administration or Public Administration or a closely related field is desirable. 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

I. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

Interim City Manager Keller announced that the Strategic Plan Workshops will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 9 a.m. and Tuesday, January 12 at 7 p.m. She stated that Council Members are welcome to attend but that the Workshop is for community participants.

J. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Ontiveros had nothing report and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member Garza stated that he would like to attend the Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) conference in San Jose on March 4 & 5. The Council gave a consensus that he attend. Council Member Garza thanked Dan Spears and Chief Rodriguez for attending a meeting at Sanger Crossing. He asked that the Council consider recognizing the football coaches of the three teams that won the Valley Elite Championship with a plaque at the first meeting in March. Consensus was given to do so.

Council Member Pacheco thanked Interim City Manager Keller for her service to the City and stated that when she took the position she inherited a storm. He said that Interim City Manager Keller calmed the waters and performed her job far more than expected. He thanked her for her knowledge, experience and mannerisms that helped this staff be greater than when she first arrived. He said that she has made us proud and that because of her we have received more respect from the community.

Interim City Manager Keller returned her compliments to the Council and stated that she saw how difficult it had been and that the Council kept taking the high road and that she was cheering them on.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantu thanked Interim City Manager Keller for informing him of the opportunities for education and training for the Council. He stated that she has “opened my eyes” on how council members should conduct and educate themselves. He invited the Council to take advantage of the opportunities in the future in an effort to be well informed. He stated that he would like to attend the ICSC event in Las Vegas on May 22 – 25 and asked if any other council members were interested in attending. Council Member Pacheco indicated that he was interested. The Council gave a consensus that Mayor Pro Tem Cantu and Council Member Pacheco attend. Mayor Pro Tem Cantu indicated that he would also like to attend the WELL conference and Council gave a consensus that he also attend. He thanked Council Member Garza for organizing the community meeting at Sanger Crossing and is grateful to the owners of the property for their willingness to have armed security on the property. He also thanked Chief Rodriguez and Dan Spears.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the Council adjourned their meeting at 8:17 p.m.