



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE SANGER CITY COUNCIL

May 5, 2016
6:00 P.M.
Council Chamber
1700 7th Street
Sanger, CA 93657

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Council called their meeting to order at [6:03:16 PM](#).

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was offered by Pastor Pat Niemeyer.

The flag salute was led by Council Member Tony Pacheco.

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 Ontiveros deleted Items D-1, D-2 and E-3, moved Item G-3 from the Consent Calendar to Ceremonial Matters, and approved the agenda as amended. 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

D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

1. Recognition of Brady William Knavel, Eagle Scout. *DELETED*
2. Presentation of Plaque – Riley Riffle, Eagle Scout. *DELETED*
3. The Council recognized Recreation Interns Joaquin Zamora and Yesenia Serrano for their dedicated service to the Parks & Recreation Division and to the Sanger community.

4. Mayor Pro Tem Cantu proclaimed May 2016 as Mental Illness Awareness Month and presented Sanger Community Health Advocates Ana Martinez Allen, Sarai Gonzalez, Yesenia Serrano and Joaquin Zamora with the proclamation.

E. WORKSHOP/PRESENTATION

1. Reedley College President Dr. Sandra Caldwell conducted a presentation about the State Center Community College District and the Measure C Community College Bond.
2. Sanger Chamber of Commerce President Tammy Wolfe presented the Chamber's quarterly report.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantu provided direction to City Manager Tim Chapa to begin negotiations with the Chamber for the 2016/2017 contract.

3. Bryson Barnella of Johnson Controls, Inc. will present an update regarding the performance contract. *DELETED*

F. PUBLIC FORUM

Fred Heisman asked why the staff report for the warrants did not include a copy of the warrant list.

Kevin Carter commented that the survey results were convincing about how the residents felt and the City spent quite a bite of money to pay HSM to determine what citizens thought was most important for the City and he understood it to be infrastructure, economic development, crime and youth. Yet the results from the Council and their prioritization of items shows dispatch as number one. He commented that a dispatch center was discussed several months ago when the Police Department provided a presentation and he was of the impression that the City could not afford a dispatch center.

Dr. Jerry Valadez thanked those who attended 1st Annual Music Recital. He also thanked the members of the Women's Club for hosting the event and Cheryl Senn for documenting the event with beautiful pictures.

Kathryn Pacheco commented that she agrees with what Mr. Carter said and also wondered how a dispatch center ended up as being the number one priority for the Strategic Plan.

Tony Torres, resident in Council Member Ontivero's district, volunteered to be a custodian of signs for Measure C.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Chapa pulled Item G-2 Warrants.

Dr. Jerry Valadez pulled Item G-1 Minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings held on April 21, 2016.

The Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

3. SUBJECT: Proclamation – Mental Health Awareness Month – May 2016.
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council recognize and proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month. *MOVED TO CEREMONIAL MATTERS.*
4. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 4620 - Authorization of City Manager to Sign Federal and State Funding Agreements and Right-of-Way Certifications on Behalf of the City.
The City Council adopted Resolution No. 4620, which authorizes the City Manager to sign certain financial agreements and right-of-way certifications for federal or state-funded transportation projects.
5. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Award of Contract for the North Avenue Sanitary Sewer Manhole Construction Project.
The City Council awarded the contract for the North Avenue Sanitary Sewer Manhole Construction project to Haydon Construction, Inc., 2350 N. Chestnut Avenue #103, Fresno, CA 93722, in the amount of \$23,775.00; approved a construction contingency for change orders in the amount of \$21,225.00 for this project; and authorized the City Manager to sign contract documents on behalf of the City.

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

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the City Council special meeting and regular meeting held on April 21, 2016.

Public comment:

In relation to the Measure S grant approval to SAM Academy during the April 21, 2016 City Council meeting, Dr. Valadez asked for clarification on the requirement of mobile unit visits and asked that the Council consider additional funding to SAM Academy from the remaining funds in Measure S to provide the additional visits.

City Manager Chapa clarified that as indicated in the minutes of the April 21, 2016 meeting, the Council asked that SAM Academy provide three visits to each site: Cesar Chavez Park, Community Center and JFK Park. City Manager Chapa indicated that Dr. Valadez's second request that the Council consider additional funding is not an appropriate request.

The City Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Cantu approved the minutes of the special and regular meetings held on April 21, 2016. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

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

2. SUBJECT: TABLED - Warrants.
This is not an action item, for review only. Includes Check Nos. 69668 through 69750.

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Cantu tabled Item G-2. 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

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Placement of a Transient Occupancy Tax Increase on the November 2016 General Election Ballot.

The City Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Cantu approved Resolution No. 4621 directing staff to prepare a ballot measure and resolution proposing to increase the City's Transient Occupancy Tax in an amount to be determined and return same to Council at June 2, 2016, for consideration and approval. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pacheco and approved by the following vote:

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

2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Extend Business Cable Internet to Kings River Technology Park.

Public comment:

Kevin Carter said he thought it was a wonderful idea and that the City should research the possibility of municipal internet for citizens.

Manuel Salas said he was supportive of high speed internet but not of Comcast as a provider. He suggested the City look into broadbandmap.ca.gov.

Henry Provost said if the City could get what SUSD has and cost share with them, the City would have better service and that fiber optic would be even better.

Dick Sheppard commented that Steve Mettee will pull his business from Sanger if the City does not provide high speed internet. He said that American West Books is the largest provider for Costco and Sam's club.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros approved Resolution No. 4622 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and sign an Agreement with Comcast or other comparable cable internet provider in an amount not to exceed \$90,000, whereby provider would extend business cable services to Kings River Technology Park (KRTP) on Commerce Avenue with the potential of adding conduit to accept future fiber optic in the Tech Park area. 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

J. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Garza had nothing to report.

Council Member Ontiveros indicated that he will be providing the Council copies of letters he received from constituents regarding events at the water tower on Greenwood Avenue about whether the City is doing everything it can to keep people out of the area.

Council Member Pacheco reported the following: attended the SAM Academy event on Sunday but was unable to stay because no seating was available; attended Legislative Action Days along with Mayor Pro Tem Cantu and visited Joaquin Arambula's office to discuss City needs in regards to water and homelessness.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantu reported the following: attended Legislative Action Days in Sacramento and said that Joaquin Arambula is familiar with the concerns in Sanger and that he is very eager to move forward; attended the Five Cities meeting; attended the National Prayer Day BBQ; attended the Cinco de Mayo luncheon hosted by the Seniors; attended the 180 Scenic Route Ceremony in Squaw Valley.

Public Works Director John Mulligan reported the following: raised crosswalk project at Faller Avenue is mostly completed and slated to open on Wednesday, May 11; Lennar is moving forward with building homes along Indianola Avenue and the street will be closed beginning May 9 for approximately 2 weeks; he received a letter stating that the City met a lot of the criteria within the EDA grant and will move into the final tier with the potential of receiving the grant funds in the amount of \$1.2 million; staff is evaluating the fence at the Greenwood Tower and obtaining quotes for a 6 foot fence around the perimeter and looking into purchasing Homeland Security guideline signs.

Community Development Director Dan Spears reported the following: the Department of Finance released population figures and Sanger is reported at 26,024 which makes it third place in Fresno County with the second highest rate of growth in Fresno County; Carls Jr. opened and has been very busy with the manager indicating that Sanger has been the most successful opening among all his San Joaquin Valley restaurants; the commercial project at Jensen and Academy are more than half way complete with Deli Delicious and Wing Stop having pulled permits; United Health Center on 7th and P Streets is trenching but cannot yet pour concrete because they do not have final approved construction plans; there has been a long delay with the proposed project at Jensen & Greenwood but they are finally ready to submit a final site plan for review; Bank of the Sierra opened on Monday; a well known Valley credit union is getting close to pulling building permits to build on Bethel Avenue; California Trus Frame is expected to close escrow within the next two weeks on the property for their expansion.

City Manager Chapa announced that the Citizen's Oversight Committee has upcoming vacancies and asked if any Council Member was interested in participating in the appointment process of conducting interviews along with the Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Garza indicated that the Council had given consensus for the Council's consideration on how appointments are made to commissions and committees.

City Manager Chapa indicated that the consensus had been given while Lozano Smith was providing city attorney services and that staff will follow-up on the direction.

Council Member Garza volunteered to participate in the appointment process

City Manager Chapa reported the following: the Blossom Trail Art that had been displayed in City Hall have been moved to its permanent location at the Fresno Fairgrounds; the Military Banners will be displayed during the week of May 23rd with 24 new banners for a total of 40 banners on display.

Police Chief Silver Rodriguez announced that Police and HR staff continues to work hard on the police officer recruitment. A team of officers attend police academies in an effort to recruit new candidates. The current recruitment had 81 applicants and staff conducted interviews on 2 separate days with 2 separate panels.

City Manager Chapa indicated that in an effort to fill the current vacancies, the team has set milestones to decrease the 5 month process and shrink it down to a 3 month window. SPOA has been especially responsive by going to the academies and offering a ride-along with the candidates. Though the efforts have been to speed up the process the team is not sacrificing quality and hope to see the fruit of their labor in the next couple of months.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the Council adjourned their meeting at [8:05:14 PM](#).