



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE SANGER CITY COUNCIL

June 16, 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 [6:01:07 PM](#).

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was offered by Pastor Mark Grice.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Pro Tem Cantu.

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 approved the agenda as presented. 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

D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS [6:02:52 PM](#)

1. The Council recognized the Jefferson School's Gold Ribbon Award Winners.
2. The Council recognized the 2016 Girl Scout Gold Award recipients Kasey Justesen and Miya Fishel.
3. The Council recognized Fred McNairy for the Blossom Trail display at City Hall.

E. PUBLIC FORUM [6:21:58 PM](#)

Kathryn Pacheco, District 3, stated that the Fresno Bee reported the City of Sanger has not met their quota regarding water reduction and asked what the City is doing about it.

Public Works Director John Mulligan stated that the Fresno Bee report is correct and that the Public Works Department has been doing a lot of public outreach, including automatic calls to residents and verbal warnings by code enforcement officers. He indicated that another option is to begin issuing citations and fines to residents not following the watering regulations.

F. [WORKSHOP 6:25:25 PM](#)

1. Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget Workshop.

Interim Administrative Services Director Mike Hartman and City Manager Tim Chapa conducted a workshop on the proposed Fiscal Year 2016/2017 budget.

City Manager Chapa presented Tier 1 Work Plans that are recommended for inclusion and approval and include the Sidewalk Project for \$2,342,000, Non-Motorized Boat Launch for \$425,000, Sanger Park Restroom for \$235,000, Pool Repair for \$60,000 and the Sidewalk Maintenance Program for \$50,000.

City Manager Chapa presented Tier 2 New Projects and Programs that are recommended for inclusion and approval and include two police vehicles for \$100,000, electric vehicles for \$94,000, cardiac monitor for \$30,000, radios (Fire) for \$30,000, radios (Police) for \$16,313, employee banquet for \$5,000 and social media archiving for \$2,500.

Public comment:

Fred Heisman asked if the City was purchasing two or ten police vehicles.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantu answered that the recommendation is to fund two vehicles.

James Miser stated that the appropriations in enterprise funds end up with more money than started out with and asked if it was a math error.

Director Hartman stated that the math does not necessarily work because budgetary accounting differs from finance statement accounting. He further indicated that with budgetary accounting everything is a revenue and expense including fixed assets and in financial statement accounting fixed assets are not expenses and appear on separate schedules.

City Manager Chapa asked that Mr. Miser meet with Director Hartman for further discussion.

Julian Chapa stated that it is surprising that the Council finds itself having to explain a \$3 million budget.

Oswaldo Vera asked why the expenditure for the Sanger Skate Park is zero.

Kevin Carter stated that a few years ago the City contracted out for disposal service and he pays \$24 a month for the service while it appears that the City pays the service provider only \$17 a month.

Hector Sandoval stated that the electrical vehicle should be used by a community service officer.

City Manager Chapa indicated that three electric vehicles will be assigned to the code enforcement and one to the building official and that it is not likely that an electric vehicle could be outfitted for a police vehicle.

The Council provided a consensus supporting the inclusion of the items identified in Tier 1 and Tier 2 in the budget.

City Manager Chapa presented Tier 3 Council Prioritization of Work Plans.

Public comment:

Fred Heisman complimented the economic development efforts and stated that it will make Sanger great again.

Oswaldo Vera stated that the kids are on the bottom of the priority list and that the Council should place prevention at the top of the list.

Doris Knowlton asked why the annexation to 180 cost so much and indicated that it is a good idea to wait until the election to approve any additional expenses involving Measure S funds. She also asked if the dispatch center would be on the ballot.

Joe Villalobos stated he was glad to see that the dispatch center was not being funded and stated that placing it on the ballot would determine whether the residents of Sanger truly want it.

Delores Gonzales stated that she is happy the dispatch center is not being funded and that the service was horrible during the first year the County was providing dispatch services but now they are very prompt and handle calls well.

Donna Bailey stated that she did not understand why the Council would want a dispatch center since it would not include calls for fire or paramedics. She also indicated that the Police Department needs a secretary because the Chief and Captain should not be doing secretarial work.

Hector Sandoval stated that he has wanted a dispatch center and that it will have to be an option with Measure S comes up in November.

Kathryn Pacheco asked for clarification on the City Manager's recommendation regarding the items to be funded from Measure S. She also indicated that she too is happy the dispatch center is not being funded and that it was not a top priority of the citizens.

Julian Chapa stated that there are some priority needs dealing with street corners and traffic safety, specifically at Cherry and Bethel Avenue.

City Manager Chapa provided the following responses to public comments:

- The cost of annexation includes a master plan and staff will need to issue an RFP for a consultant which is about \$150,000, the environmental process will cost about \$80,000, and engineering and staffing will bring it to \$275,000.
- Clarified that his recommendation is to not include any projects to be funded by Measure S including the dispatch center and a gang intervention/prevention program.
- Does not support the economic development plan because the City already has planning efforts and his recommendation is just the annexation to 180.

The Council provided a consensus supporting the Annexation North to Hwy 180 to be included in the budget.

City Manager Chapa presented Tier 3 Council Prioritization of New Projects & Programs.

Council Member Ontiveros submitted an additional item to the list of New Projects & Programs, which was a request for a blinking crosswalk system at the intersection of Bethel and Cherry Avenues.

Public comment:

Fred Heisman stated that he would like to see crosswalk lines painted on the roads.

Doris Knowlton stated that she has been wishing for years for a downtown parking lot and is happy to see it on the list.

Delores Gonzalez stated that there is a fire hydrant in front of her home that has not been painted in 15 years.

The Council called for a recess at [7:59:30 PM](#).

The Council reconvened their meeting at [8:11:18 PM](#).

The Council provided a consensus to add Council Member Ontiveros' request for a blinking crosswalk system at Bethel and Cherry Avenues to the list of New Projects and Programs to be considered for inclusion in the budget.

Public comment continued:

Joe Villalobos stated that lights at Chavez Park and at other parks are very important.

Hector Sandoval stated that Summer Fun programs are very important.

Christine Erickson Provost, 86 Hawley Avenue, stated that \$180,000 for a restroom structure seems like a lot of money and that the kitchen remodel and scanner printer are expensive and she would rather see the money spent on youth programs.

Henry Provost stated that he has wanted to see lights in the park for a long time and asked if the youth center parking lot backboards could be lit up at night.

City Manager Chapa indicated that the scanner and fire kitchen remodel are not desperately needed and that though the scanner could be valuable it is not needed to continue operations.

Public Works Director Mulligan indicated that the restrooms are for Jenni Park, Lincoln Park and Kelly Park and that the quote of \$180,000 each is for a medium size pre-cast restroom.

The Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros provided direction to include Annexation North to Hwy 180 for \$275,000, street crosswalk/stripping for \$50,000, expanding Summer Fun programs for \$7,500, senior center programs for \$4,000 and flashing crosswalk at Bethel and Cherry for \$60,000 in the budget. 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

The PowerPoint presentation of the FY 2016-2017 Budget Workshop is included as an attachment to these minutes.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR 8:40:39 PM

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

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the City Council special and regular meetings held on June 2, 2016.
2. SUBJECT: REVIEWED – Warrants including Check Nos. 70010 through 70120.
3. SUBJECT: APPROVED – Payroll including Payroll Check Nos. 55418 through 55460; Direct Deposit Nos. 38395 through 38589; and Benefit Check Nos. 1174 through 1181.
4. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Final Acceptance – Raised Pedestrian Crossing on Faller Avenue near JFK Park.
The City Council accepted the work for the Raised Pedestrian Crossing on Faller Avenue in the amount of \$46,176.35; authorized recordation of the Notice of Completion with Fresno County Recorder; and authorized payment of 5% retention in the amount of \$2,308.82 to Dawson-Mauldin Construction, Inc., upon expiration of the 35-day lien period.
5. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 4629 - Consolidating the Elections for Mayor and Council Members representing Districts 1 and 3 with the November 8, 2016 Statewide General Election.
The City Council adopted Resolution No. 4629 calling and giving notice of a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, for the election of Mayor and for Council Members for Districts 1 and 3; requesting the Fresno County Board of Supervisors to consolidate the election with the Statewide General Election to be held on the same date; requesting the Fresno County Clerk/Elections Official to provide specified services; consenting to reimburse the Registrar of Voters for all costs incurred by said services; determining payment for candidates' statements; and providing for the appointment to office if no one or only one person is nominated.
6. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Participation in the Medi-Cal Intergovernmental Rate Range Program.
The City Council approved the Health Plan Provider Agreements between the City of Sanger and Anthem Blue Cross and the City of Sanger and CalViva Health, the Intergovernmental Agreements regarding Transfer of Public Funds between the City of Sanger and the California Department of Health Care

Services for Anthem Blue Cross and CalViva Health, and the Intergovernmental Transfer Fee between the City of Sanger and California Department of Health Care Services for CalViva Health, to establish eligibility for the City of Sanger Fire Department to participate in the Medi-Cal Intergovernmental Transfer Rate-Range Program for recovery of unreimbursed ambulance service costs.

7. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NOS. 4630 AND 4631 - Ygrene Energy Fund PACE Program.
The City Council: 1) reviewed and adopted Resolution No. 4630 consenting to inclusion of properties within the City’s Incorporated Area in CHF Community Facilities District No. 2014-1 (Clean Energy) to Finance Renewable Energy Generation, Energy Efficiency, Water Conservation and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Improvements and approving associate membership in CHF; and 2) reviewed and adopted Resolution No. 4631 consenting to Inclusion of Properties within the City’s Incorporated Area in the CHF PACE Program to Finance Renewable Energy Generation, Energy and Water Efficiency Improvements and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and approving associate membership in CHF.
8. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 4632 - Measure C Extension Local Transportation Program Funds.
The City Council approved Resolution No. 4632 certifying eligibility and claiming Measure C Extension Local Transportation Program Funds for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and authorized the Finance Director to sign and submit the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 claims.
9. SUBJECT: APPROVED - ORDINANCE NO. 1171.
The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1171 amending regulations in the Sanger City Code related to Second Residential Units.
10. SUBJECT: APPROVED – ORDINANCE NO. 1172.
The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1172 establishing regulations related to Reasonable Accommodations for Access to Housing.
11. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 4633 - Support of a Fresno County Parks and Greenway Study by the Trust for Public Land.
The City Council approved Resolution No. 4633 requesting the Fresno County Board of Supervisors invite the Trust for Public Land to conduct a Conservation Finance study in Fresno County.

12. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 4634 - Fresno Council of Governments (COG) 2016-17 Grant Application-New Technology Reserve Grant Program – Advanced Transit and Transportation Project.
The City Council adopted Resolution No. 4634 supporting the City’s partnership with Sanger Unified, Central Unified and Parlier Unified for the submission of the application to purchase zero-emission, all-electric school buses to improve the air quality and reduce GHG emissions.

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

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS 8:40:43 PM

1. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Appointments to the Citizen’s Oversight Committee – Measure S.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Garza reappointed committee members Tony Gonzales and Sue Simpson and appointed JoAnn Mares to fill three vacancies on the Citizen’s Oversight Committee. 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

2. **SUBJECT:** DENIED - Renewal of the Chamber of Commerce Contract for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 and 2017/2018. 8:42:55 PM

Public comment:

Steve Stoehr, Chairman of the Board of the Sanger Chamber of Commerce, stated that they consider themselves viable partners with the City and that at this point in time he as Chairman would not sign the contract because it is incomplete. He recommended the Council approve Alternative B, which is to fund the Chamber in the first year and establish a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Chamber to describe a partnership and what contributions would be contributed by each party.

Tammy Wolfe, President/CEO of the Sanger Chamber of Commerce, stated that she echoes what Mr. Stoehr said and that the Chamber wants a partnership with the City to grow and better serve our city.

Pam Byer stated that though she does not live within the City limits and does not know the history of the relationship between the City and the Chamber, she believes that the City and Chamber need each other and that a reduction in funding would mean a reduction in the events that are so important to the city.

Donna Bailey stated she agrees with what Ms. Byer said and that it would be foolish to reduce the funding for the Chamber.

Fred McNairy, Member of Chamber Board and Treasurer for the past fifteen years, stated that he supports Mr. Stoehr's recommendation of Alternative B.

Henry Provost stated that the Chamber uses a lot of volunteers for its events and that the City is getting more for its money in funding the Chamber.

Christine Erickson Provost, citizen member of the Chamber, stated that the Chamber is doing more now than when she joined seven years ago and that the Chamber needs more time to become self-sufficient.

Delores Gonzales stated that the Chamber is doing a lot and that the Council should consider giving the Chamber and Ms. Wolfe more time to put things in order.

Dawn stated that she was born and raised in Sanger and proud to be new member of the Chamber. She said she is a realtor with a license in Fresno but became a member of the Sanger Chamber because it is her town and because of Tammy Wolfe.

James Miser stated that the City Council has the fiduciary responsibility not to Chamber but to the citizens of Sanger. He said that it appears the Chamber does not have good financials. He said he has never seen a directory of businesses as a new resident in Sanger and the Chamber should show more accountability for what they already get.

Christi Rosa Cabello, Administrator for the Sanger Chamber, said her family has been here over a dozen years and go to all the events and fully supports the Chamber.

Kevin Carter stated that he supports the Chamber and that the City spends a lot of money on gang prevention and drug prevention, cleaning up restrooms and the graffiti truck. He said the Chambers wants \$60,000 to help support events that benefit everyone in town.

Council Member Garza made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 4635 renewing the Contract for Professional Services with the Sanger District Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$60,000 for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 and \$50,000 for Fiscal Year 2017/2018, authorizing the City Manager to finalize the agreement with the City Attorney and authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cantu and failed by the follow vote:

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

Council Member Ontiveros made a motion to renew the Contract for Professional Services with the Sanger District Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$60,000 as it has been in the past. The motion was seconded by Council Member Pacheco and failed by the following vote:

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

I. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION [9:29:02 PM](#)

City Manager Tim Chapa announced that Community Development Director Dan spears has submitted his retirement effective September 2, 2016 and acknowledged him for his work.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantu commended Director Spears for his helpfulness and said Director Spears will be missed.

Council Member Garza thanked Director Spears for helping him find his way around City Hall and said Director Spears is an excellent human being.

Council Member Ontiveros stated that it has been an honor and privilege working with Director Spears and that he appreciates the mentorship time they shared.

Council Member Pacheco commended Director Spears and said there are a lot of golf courses out there.

J. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS[9:31:51 PM](#)

Council Member Garza stated that this year's budget process compared to last year is like night and day. He also said he did not know that most of the staff has not received a raise in ten years and that the City has an outstanding staff.

Council Member Ontiveros thanked City Manager Chapa, Director Hartman and the staff for the preparation of the budget.

Council Member Pacheco thanked the community for coming out to support the Chamber.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantu thanked City Manager Chapa and staff for working hard in preparing the budget. He said it was put in a form that was understandable. He also stated that he received a letter from Ed Cuadros regarding a lease agreement and asked if it could be addressed or agendaized.

City Attorney Cantú Montoy indicated that the appropriate process is for the City Manager to look at it and decide to bring forward or the Council can ask that it be brought back for consideration. By consensus the Council gave direction that the letter be brought back after review by the City Attorney.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the Council adjourned their meeting at [9:36:59 PM](#).