



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE SANGER CITY COUNCIL

August 18, 2016  
6:00 P.M.  
Council Chamber  
1700 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sanger, CA 93657

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Council called their meeting to order at [6:02:09 PM](#).

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was offered by Pastor Mark Grice.

The flag salute was led by Council Member Ontiveros.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Council Member Tony Pacheco

Mayor Pro Tem Raul Cantu asked for a moment of silence in honor of Bill Collins.

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 Garza and approved by the following vote:

AYES: CANTU, ONTIVEROS, GARZA

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: PACHECO

D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS [6:04:19 PM](#)

1. Fire Chief Greg Tarascou introduced newly appointed Firefighter Paramedic Michael Pallas.
2. The Council recognized Community Development Director Dan Spears for his years of service and dedication commitment to the City of Sanger and the community.

E. PUBLIC FORUM 6:11:33 PM

Oswaldo Vera thanked Public Works Director John Mulligan for his help with solving a problem for a resident.

Fred Heisman inquired about the monument sign on SR180, the water pressure, and the status of the EDA grant.

F. WORKSHOP/PRESENTATION

1. John Ypma, President of Initiative Foods, provided an update on the recent fire at Initiative Foods and thanked the first responders including Fire Chief Greg Tarascou, Sanger Fire and Sanger Police for their assistance.
2. Acquisition Partners of America presented a quarterly report to the Council.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR 6:43:28 PM

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

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the City Council special and regular meetings held on August 4, 2016.
2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Warrants including Check Nos. 70571 through 70696.
3. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Payroll including Payroll Check Nos. 55556 through 55634; Direct Deposit Nos. 38804 through 39038; and Benefit Check Nos. 1190 through 1197.
4. SUBJECT: ACCEPTED - Treasurer's Report – June 30, 2016.  
The City Council accepted the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2016.
5. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging Contract for 2016/2017 Fiscal Year.  
The City Council approved the contract between the City of Sanger and the Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging (FMAAA) which encompasses the entire 2016/2017 Fiscal Year and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

6. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Out of State Travel Request.  
The City Council approved the out of state travel and training for the Fire Chief to attend the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland from November 7 – 18, 2016.

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

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

#### H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Budget Amendment for Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program - Jensen Avenue Safety Analysis. [6:44:10 PM](#)

Public comment:

Doris Knowlton asked if crossing the double yellow line on Jensen Avenue towards Bethel Avenue is illegal because people go back and forth over the double yellow line.

Police Chief Rodriguez confirmed that crossing over the double yellow line is a violation of the vehicle code.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros adopted Resolution No. 4643 approving a budget amendment for the 2016/2017 fiscal year, appropriating state funding from the Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program (SSARP) in the amount of \$61,200. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

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

2. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED REJECTION OF BIDS - 2016 Cape Seal Project. [6:50:17 PM](#)

The City Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros rejected all bids for the 2016 Cape Seal Project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

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

3. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Sanger and Sanger Police Officers Association. [6:53:16 PM](#)

Public comment:

Fred Heisman asked if the cost of about \$125,000 will be funded by Measure S.

Bob Lynch commented that bilingual proficiency is a necessity but that he would like to see that employees take a test to ensure they are proficient. He also commented that about 3 weeks ago shots were fired near his home and his daughter called the police at 3 in the morning. The Police response was very quick and the officer not only showed up in his cruiser but he got out of the cruise and shined his flashlight. He said the police officers deserve anything they want.

City Manager Chapa indicated that the financial impact is \$121,000 and that the off-schedule salary adjustment is for one year and does not increase salary ranges. He also commented that officers are allocated to different funds including Measure S and if they're funded through other sources then funding for the off-schedule salary pay will come from those other funds including Measure S.

City Clerk/Deputy Personnel Officer Becky Hernandez stated that per the MOU employees are required to take an exam demonstrating their bilingual proficiency and that the City administers the exam on an annual basis.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Ontiveros approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Sanger and Sanger Police Officers Association (SPOA) for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and authorized the City Manager to execute the MOU. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

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

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEM 7:00:30 PM

1. St. Mary's Church parking lot.

City Manager Chapa informed the Council that St. Mary's Church is looking to revise the agreement regarding the church parking lot and included a copy of the agreement with the agenda.

City Attorney Cantu-Montoy indicated that after her review of the agreement, it appears to be a lease agreement which is permissible; however, it looks like the City paid money for construction and that would not be permissible because the State prohibits the City from making any appropriation of funds to religious organizations. She indicated that the City Manager and church representatives can discuss alternatives such as a true lease agreement.

Public comment:

Doris Knowlton asked how much it would cost and said it would be difficult to determine how much the City should pay to resurface the parking lot. She said that if the City does it for one church would they be obligated to do it for another church.

Fred Heisman said that when the church was being built in the 1990s the agreement was a quid pro quo of accessibility for both the City and the church. He said the City should do a mutual agreement with no financial exchange.

Victor Ruiz, member of the Knights of Columbus, said he understands the City can't help and that the response in the past was that the church should put a barrier. He said many leagues use it but the City also has the Jr. Giants league and they play at Rotary Field and Madison school and the parents are using the parking lot. He said the City should reimburse the church for use of the parking lot.

Dick Sheppard, speaking as a private citizen who spends a lot of time at Rotary Field, said that every time he goes there he parks at the church parking lot and if church put up barriers there would be safety concern because people would park on Bethel. He said that it seems the church is going out of its way to let people park there.

Council Member Ontiveros said staff should come back with a solution and that the City may be prohibited with the current state law.

Council Member Garza said he would like to work something out so citizens can use the parking lot.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantu asked the Council for a consensus to direct staff to bring back a recommendation for the use of the church parking lot. The Council agreed and gave consensus.

City Attorney Cantu-Montoy said the City can do a regular lease agreement but not similar to what was agreed to before. She said the City can determine the fair market value for leasing use of parking lot.

J. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION [7:14:00 PM](#)

No items to report.

K. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS [7:14:14 PM](#)

Council Member Garza had nothing to report.

Council Member Ontiveros said he is looking forward to the flow chart with the current water situation and that the City should take a pro-active stand and come up with solutions instead of waiting until the modifications.

Mayor Pro Tem Cantu congratulated Sanger Police Officers Association for working with the City and coming to an agreement with a new MOU.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the Council adjourned their meeting at [7:16:00 PM](#).