



## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANGER CITY COUNCIL

October 5, 2017  
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 [6:02:39 PM](#).

### B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was offered by Pastor Gilbert Montelongo.

The flag salute was led by Council Humberto Member Garza.

#### Roll Call

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Eli Ontiveros, Council Member Humberto Garza, Council Member Melissa Hurtado

Absent: Mayor Frank Gonzalez, Council Member Daniel Martinez

### 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 Hurtado and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GARZA, ONTIVEROS, HURTADO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ

### D. WORKSHOP/PRESENTATION

#### 1. Mid Valley Disposal Quarterly Report.

Representative Yvette Rodriguez presented the first and second quarterly reports. Sarah Luken, Recycling Coordinator, was introduced.

#### 2. Sanger Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report.

Tammy Wolfe, President and CEO of the Sanger Chamber of Commerce presented the quarterly report. Karen Peirce, new full time staff member, was introduced.

Council Member Daniel Martinez arrived at [6:36:46 PM](#).

E. PUBLIC FORUM

Pastor Gary Duran provided comment regarding the Measure S grant recipient reporting requirements. He also provided comment regarding the City's special event requirements.

Oswaldo Vera provided comments about the concerns Pastor Gary Duran presented.

Dr. Jerry Valadez, SAM Academy, provided comment about his concerns regarding Measure S and late payments.

Henry Provost provided comments regarding Pastor Gary Duran's concerns.

Jeannie Adams provided comments regarding her concerns with Measure S funds.

Donna Bailey provided comments regarding Measure S funds.

James Miser provided comments regarding missing documents on the City website and regarding Measure S funds.

Administrative Services Director Gary Watashira provided clarification on the check process and reasons for delayed payments to approved recipients of Measure S grants.

Alexis and Nicole, High School seniors, provided comment about their Senior project.

Mayor Frank Gonzalez arrived at [7:07:19 PM](#).

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council by motion of Mayor Gonzalez pulled items F-3 and F-4 and approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 21, 2017.
2. SUBJECT: REVIEWED - Warrants including Check Nos. 73833 through 73938.

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

AYES: GONZALEZ, ONTIVEROS, GARZA, HURTADO, MARTINEZ  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

3. SUBJECT: DENIED - Records Management Guidelines for the Retention and Destruction of City Records.

Public Comment:

Henry Provost provided comment regarding destruction of documents.

Sue Simpson asked if the documents would be scanned and kept electronically and asked that any documents regarding Citizen Oversight Committee be kept.

Donna Bailey provided comment to keep the decision to shred documents within the Council.

James Miser provided comments regarding his concern of shredding documents during an audit.

City Attorney Hilda Cantu provided clarification that no destruction of documents has been authorized. This subject is regarding an ordinance process.

After further discussion, Council Member Garza motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 201706 repealing Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2.2 of the Sanger City Code related to the destruction of city records with the exception of records related to the Citizens Oversight Committee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hurtado and denied by the following vote:

AYES: GARZA, HURTADO  
NOES: GONZALEZ, ONTIVEROS, MARTINEZ  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

4. SUBJECT: APPROVED – ORDINANCE NO. 2017-07 - Ordinance to Revise the Sanger City Code regarding Contract Limits Requiring Council Approval.

Public Comment:

James Miser provided comment opposing this item.

After further discussion, the City Council by motion of Council Member Garza adopted Ordinance No. 2017-07 amending Section 2-215 of Chapter 2, Article V, of the Sanger City Code to amend the contract limit requiring Council approval from exceeding \$15,000 to exceeding \$29,500. The motion was seconded by Council Member Martinez and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, GARZA, MARTINEZ  
NOES: OINTIVEROS, HURTADO  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Academy Avenue Reconstruction Project – North Avenue to 11<sup>th</sup> Street – Adoption of Amended Resolution of Necessity.

Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros recused himself from this item because he resides within 500 feet of the subject property, and left the dais.

The City Council held a public hearing to discuss the proposed amended Resolution of Necessity.

Public Comment:

Justin Harris of Harris Law Firm representing the owners of the subject property stated that he and his clients do not oppose the adoption of the Resolution of Necessity. They are looking forward to resolving this issue with the City.

The City Council closed the public hearing.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Garza adopted the amended Resolution of Necessity, Resolution No. 2017-49, authorizing the commencement of eminent domain actions to acquire portions of APN 317-204-05, also known as 1308 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Sanger, CA 93657, consisting of an automobile smog shop and towing yard. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hurtado and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, GARZA, HURTADO, MARTINEZ  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN (RECUSAL): ONTIVEROS  
ABSENT: NONE

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - First Amendment to Amended and Restated Master Tax Sharing Memorandum of Understanding.

Public Comment:

Bernard Jimenez, Fresno County Public Works, provided comments and encouraged further collaboration between the County and the City. He also provided further information regarding the tax formula presented.

The City Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros approved the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Tax Sharing Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Fresno and the City of Sanger and authorized the Mayor to execute MOU on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, ONTIVEROS, GARZA, HURTADO, MARTINEZ  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

I. INFORMATION ITEM

1. SUBJECT: Sanger Youth Council.

Recreation Supervisor Joaquin Zamora said the Sanger Youth Council would consist of students between the ages of 13 and 20 and would report to the Council and the School Board. He said the Sanger Youth Council would provide a voice for the City's youth.

J. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

Administrative Services Director Gary Watashira provided an update on the grant writer RFQ. He said the City received four proposals and three firms have been interviewed with the final firm to be interviewed on Monday. If necessary, second interviews may be scheduled.

City Engineer Josh Rogers provided an update on the traffic signals on Bethel and Church Avenues. The project should be complete within the next few working days.

Mayor Gonzalez asked for an update on 7<sup>th</sup> Street on behalf of the Women's Club.

Josh Rogers stated they are three weeks ahead of schedule.

Community Director Tom Navarro provided an update on the Hwy 180 economic study. He said the RFP went out Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and is on the City website.

Mayor Gonzalez asked for an update regarding Comcast.

Tom stated a representative from Comcast will be present at the next meeting to discuss how things will be constructed and provide further details regarding the project.

Public Works Director John Mulligan provided information regarding alley clean-up activities with the Mid Valley partnership. He said they will be cleaning up Greenwood to Academy and Jensen to 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The Annual clean-up will also be taking place in October.

K. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Garza spoke about the possibility of eliminating alleys within his district. They can divide the alley and provide half to each owner. This is something he would like to consider to help address some issues within his district.

Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros agreed with Council Member Garza. He thanked the Chamber for their events. He also spoke on the issues presented by residences and advised the Council that they have some tough decisions to think about to improve transparency and internal staff issues.

Council Member Martinez spoke about Sanger resident Jessica, who was injured during the shooting in Las Vegas. He applauded Police Chief Rodriguez and the departments for their work on the pharmacy robbery. He asked Fire Chief Tarascou for an update on the Fire Engine.

Chief Tarascou stated the Fire Engine will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Council Member Hurtado thanked Community Development Director Navarro and Recreation Supervisor Zamora for helping Alexis with her Senior project. She also stated she will be in Georgia during the next Council meeting and will be participate via teleconference.

Mayor Gonzalez spoke about his attendance at the prayer circle for Sanger resident Jessica Milam and asked for continued prayers.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the Council adjourned their meeting at [8:23:46 PM](#).