



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANGER CITY COUNCIL

November 2, 2017
6:00 PM
Council Chamber
1700 7th Street
Sanger, CA 93657

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Council called their meeting to order at [6:10:34 PM](#).

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was offered by Pastor Paul Berquam.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Frank Gonzalez

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Frank Gonzalez, Mayor Pro Tem Eli Ontiveros,
Council Member Humberto Garza, Council Member Melissa Hurtado,
Council Member Daniel Martinez

Absent: None

C. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros approved the agenda as presented. 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

D. PUBLIC FORUM

Rosa Huerta provided comment in opposition of the City creating a Dog Park on the corner of Greenwood and Acacia.

Oswaldo Vera provided comment regarding the rental of the Community Center and the status of the Sanger Park bathroom remodel.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 19, 2017.
2. SUBJECT: REVIEWED - Warrants including Check Nos. 74073 through 74216.
3. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Agreement for Parking Citation Administration Services.
The City Council approved the agreement between Data Ticket and the City of Sanger for parking citation administration services and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement.
4. 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 January 7 – 19, 2018.
5. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Placement of Art Boards at Sam Gutierrez Park in Downtown Sanger.
The City Council approved the placement of two 4' x 8' Art Boards depicting the Kings River at Sam Gutierrez Park.

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

F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Acceptance of the Donation of Two Benches in Memory of Danny Huerta.

The Council by motion of Council Member Garza accepted the donation of two benches from the Huerta Family to be placed in memory of Danny Huerta. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros and approved by the following vote:

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

2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Fresno Council of Governments (COG) 2017/2018 Call for Projects – Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ).

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros adopted Resolution No. 2017-53 supporting and implementing timely use of funds on federal-aid projects, and approved the project list proposed by Staff. A copy of the project list is included with these minutes as “Attachment A.” 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: APPROVED - Award Contract for Grant Writing Services.

Public Comment:

Jim Miser provided comment regarding the firm’s qualifications for grant-writing as opposed to lobbying.

The Council by motion of Council Member Garza awarded grant writing services to Townsend Public Affairs. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hurtado and approved by the following vote:

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

G. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

Police Chief Silver Rodriguez provided an update regarding the City’s current crime statistics.

City Manager Tim Chapa announced the Annual Employee Banquet to be held on Friday, November 17 at 6:00 PM.

H. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Hurtado announced her district Town Hall Meeting to be held at 6 PM on Monday, November 6 at Wilson School.

City Attorney Montoy announced she will not be in attendance at the next City Council meeting and Assistant City Attorney Roy Santos will attend in her absence.

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Resolution to support the Dream Act 2017.

The Council by motion of Council Member Garza adopted Resolution No. 2017-54 in support of the Dream Act 2017. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hurtado and approved by the following vote:

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

I. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Garza said he and City Manager Chapa met with approximately twenty-two residents of his District and they were provided with a laundry list of concerns and requests such as street paving, sidewalk repairs, curb and gutter repairs, drug houses, and gangs. The group has agreed to meet again in two months.

Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros requested clarification from City Attorney Montoy regarding the City Manager's COLA increase.

City Attorney Montoy said the legal opinion had been provided but that she would provide the information in writing again.

Council Member Hurtado announced she will participate in the next City Council meeting by videoconference because she will be in Baltimore for work.

Council Member Martinez expressed his appreciation and thanks to Chief Rodriguez for the update on crime. He said the presence of police cars during Halloween was noticed and it provided for a safe trick or treat.

Council Member Martinez said he has noticed pedestrians walking on Jensen Avenue from Indianola and that they may be school kids taking a shortcut. He said it does not appear to be safe and staff is looking into a remedy.

Mayor Gonzalez said the fundraising event for Jessica Milam was very successful, raising approximately \$10,000. He said Miss Milam is scheduled to come home tomorrow.

Mayor Gonzalez said he attended the Dean Nicholson gym dedication.

Mayor Gonzalez said he attended the COG meeting, which has to do with transportation and was glad to be in attendance to represent Sanger during a recent vote for funding.

Being no further business, the Council adjourned their meeting at [7:22:28 PM](#).