



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANGER CITY COUNCIL

March 1, 2018
6:00 PM
Council Chamber
1700 7th Street
Sanger, California 93657

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Council called their meeting to order at [6:01:21 PM](#).

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The flag salute was led by Mayor Gonzalez.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Frank Gonzalez, Mayor Pro Tem Eli Ontiveros, Council Members
Humberto Garza, Melissa Hurtado, 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 Hurtado and approved by the following vote:

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

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Police Chief Silver Rodriguez introduced newly appointed Police Sergeant Joshua Johnson.
2. Fire Chief Greg Tarascou introduced newly appointed Community Risk Reduction Officer Greg DuPuis.
3. Ivette Rodriguez of Mid Valley Disposal provided a presentation regarding their recycling program.

E. PUBLIC FORUM

Susan Goode of United Way, Fresno and Madera Counties, announced they will be hosting free tax preparation services on March 3, 2018 and April 7, 2018 in Sanger.

Juan Estrada provided comment regarding the need for more sports fields in the City and proposed a potential project of building a sports complex in the City.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council by Motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros pulled Item F-6 and approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 15, 2018.
2. SUBJECT: REVIEWED - Warrants including Check Nos. 75023 through 75182.
3. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Budget Amendment for New Capital Improvement Project – Reconstruction of Hume Drive, Eastwood Avenue, and Forest Lane. The City Council approved a budget amendment to add the new project to the capital improvement program for FY 17/18 and 18/19.
4. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Cooperation Agreement with Sanger Unified School District – ATP Cycle 2-Safe Routes to School Project. The City Council approved the Cooperation Agreement with Sanger Unified School District and authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.
5. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 2018-08 - Annual Investment Policy. The City Council approved Resolution No. 2018-08 adopting the City of Sanger’s Investment Policy for fiscal year 2017/2018.

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

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

6. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Pyro Spectaculars Firework Show Production Agreement for July 4th 2018 - 2020.

After separate discussion, the Council by motion of Council Member Hurtado approved the three-year production agreement between the City of Sanger and Pyro Spectaculars, Inc., and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement.

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

G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED – ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02 - Business Licenses, Exemptions for Payment, and Disclosure Requirements.

The City Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros approved the introduction of Ordinance No. 2018-02 amending Section 18-26 and 18-34 and Repealing Section 18-60 relating to Business License Definitions, Exemptions for Payment, and Disclosure. 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

2. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 2018-09 - Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1.

The City Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros approved Resolution No. 2018-09 initiating proceedings to levy the annual assessment for Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Districts No. 1. 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 – RESOLUTION NO. 2018-10 - Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 2.

The City Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros approved Resolution No. 2018-10 initiating proceedings to levy the annual assessment for Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Districts No. 2. 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

4. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Measure S Grant Disbursement Procedures Amendment.

Public comment:

Jerry Valadez, CEO of Community Science Workshop Network and SAM Academy, provided comment regarding the problems resulting from quarterly grant payments and urged the Council to vote in favor of disbursing Measure S Grant funding immediately.

The City Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros approved the amendment of Measure S grant procedures changing disbursements from four times per year to one payment at the beginning of the fiscal year effective immediately, paying this year's balance upon approval by the Council, and requiring community-based organizations to report use of funding twice per year instead of quarterly. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

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

5. SUBJECT: DENIED – RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11 - Initiate Process to Consider Amendment to Zoning Ordinance to Allow Limited Medical Marijuana Dispensaries.

Public comment:

Vincent Wall said that as a member of the Sanger Planning Commission he takes no position but that allowing medical marijuana dispensaries could be a good way to increase tax money.

Donna Bailey provided comment opposed to allowing medical marijuana dispensaries in the City and urged the Council to do their own personal research before making a decision.

Osvaldo Vera provided comment opposed to allowing medical marijuana dispensaries in the City and distributed a flyer to the Council regarding the legalization of marijuana in Colorado.

Henry Provost said a person can go to a drug store and get opioids that are addicting but marijuana is not physically addicting.

Ralph Kamato suggested waiting until the surrounding cities allow medical marijuana dispensaries to see if any problems arise from it and said the Council should not rush to a decision.

Kevin Carter provided comment opposed to allowing medical marijuana dispensaries in the City and urged the Council to put the issue to rest.

Dick Sheppard, speaking on behalf of himself and not the Sanger Herald, provided comment regarding the positive effect medical marijuana had on his grandson who had Acute Leukemia.

Council Member Garza made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-11 initiating amendments to the Zoning Ordinance relating to amendment of marijuana regulations to allow limited medical marijuana dispensaries. The motion failed for lack of second.

H. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

Community Development Director Tom Navarro announced that Comcast is on schedule to complete the internet project at the Tech Park in the next few days and he will notify Council when the ribbon-cutting is scheduled.

Public Works Director John Mulligan informed the Council that he will be declaring an emergency which will allow the City to address a broken manhole at North Avenue and J Street and also a collapsing manhole at the Corporation Yard.

I. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros asked the Council for a consensus to place an item on a future meeting agenda regarding a policy to allow the public to rent equipment from the City and/or to allow City employees to do work using City equipment for a fee. The consensus was reached as follows:

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

Council Member Martinez thanked Corina Tamez and other staff members for their help with the Town Hall meeting he hosted in his District. He thanked Mayor Gonzalez for attending and the Sanger Herald for advertising it in the paper and on social media.

Council Member Hurtado announced the 2nd Annual Women's History Month celebration. She thanked Corina Tamez for her work with organizing the various events, which include a poetry reading on March 15 from 4 to 6 pm, art display at City Hall between March 12 and March 23; a reception on March 21 from 4 to 6 pm, and recognition of women who have served in the military at the March 15 City Council meeting.

Mayor Gonzalez asked how many baseball fields are in Sanger and if there is a possibility of working with the School District to allow use of their fields.

Public Works Director John Mulligan said he has put together a memo with an inventory of parks that will be sent to the Council.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the Council adjourned their meeting at [7:23:38 PM](#).