



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

March 15, 2018  
6:00 PM  
Council Chamber  
1700 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sanger, California 93657

### A. CALL TO ORDER

The Council called their meeting to order at [6:02:31 PM](#).

### B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was offered by Pastor Mario Ponce DeLeon.

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 Martinez and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, ONTIVEROS, GARZA, HURTADO, MARTINEZ

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

### D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

1. The Council proclaimed March 2018 as "Women's History Month."
2. The Council recognized Gladys Nichols, Anna Flores, and Danielle Beltran in honor of Women's History Month and in appreciation for their service in the armed forces.

3. The Council presented a resolution to The United Way of Fresno and Madera Counties Free Tax Preparation Services (VITA).

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Fire Chief Greg Tarascou presented the Fire Department's new ambulance.

The Council called for a recess at [6:13:23 PM](#).

The Council reconvened their meeting at [6:24:02 PM](#).

F. PUBLIC FORUM

Juan Estrada provided comment on behalf of the parents of the Sanger Stars Organization in an effort to continue a dialogue regarding the need for more softball fields in the community. He said their next step is to circulate a petition for signatures of support.

Antonia Gutierrez provided comment in protest to a letter she received from the City's Code Enforcement Division requiring her to remove the car port on her property.

Bill Edmonds asked why the City's Code Enforcement division is requiring his neighbors to remove car ports on their properties.

Henry Provost provided comment about the agreement with New Economics on the December 7<sup>th</sup> agenda did not include Exhibit A, which was to describe the scope of services.

Oswaldo Vera thanked the Fire Department and Community Risk Reduction Officer Greg DuPuis for providing a class on fall and fire prevention at his apartment complex and thanked the Council on their vote two weeks ago.

Lupe Valladares provided comment about providing a soup kitchen for homeless citizens.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council by motion of Council Member Garza pulled Item G7 and approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 1, 2018.
2. SUBJECT: REVIEWED - Warrants including Check Nos. 75183 through 75311.
3. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Payroll including Direct Deposit Nos. 43411 through 43648; Payroll Check Nos. 56354 through 56392; and Benefit Check Nos. 1348 through 1355.

4. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED – ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02 - Business License Ordinance Changes.  
The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2018-02 amending Section 18-26 and 18-34 and Repealing Section 18-60 of the Sanger City Code relating to Business License Definitions, Exemptions for Payment, and Disclosure.
5. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Final Acceptance – Southeast Sanger Sidewalk Improvements Project.  
The City Council: 1) accepted the work for the Southeast Sanger Sidewalk Improvements Project in the amount of \$599,282.29; 2) authorized recordation of the Notice of Completion with Fresno County Recorder; and 3) authorized payment of 5% retention in the amount of \$29,964.11 to Witbro, Inc., dba Seal Rite Paving and Grading upon expiration of the 35-day lien period.
6. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - CalRecycle Household Hazardous Waste Program.  
The City Council authorized the City Manager to sign the Letter of Authorization to allow the County of Fresno to act as Lead Agency on behalf of the City of Sanger to submit a regional application for the CalRecycle Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program.

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

7. **SUBJECT:** APPROVED - Side Letter Agreement between the City of Sanger and the Sanger Firefighters Association.

After further discussion, the City Council by motion of Council Member Garza approved the Side Letter Agreement establishing leave benefits and overtime pay for the new Community Risk Reduction Officer position and converting leave accruals for the initial appointment of the position. The motion was seconded by Council Member Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

#### H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. **SUBJECT:** City Council Budget Goals for Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020.

Public comment:

Unidentified resident provided comment requesting stop signs at Bethel and 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Bethel and Almond, flashing lights on the road by Pitman Farms, lights at JFK Park, baseball field at JFK Park, and signs to watch out for children at North Avenue and Annadale Avenue.

Juan Estrada provided comment that the Council's goal of Parks and Outdoor Recreation Space provided an opportunity to add softball fields and/or a sports complex and requested the Council do so.

Melissa Reyna provided comment that she is an advocate for additional softball fields and a sports complex and asked the Council to invest in the youth by providing better opportunities for extracurricular activities.

The City Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros approved the following listed budget goals for Fiscal Year 2019 and Fiscal Year 2020:

1. Annexation of North to Highway 180
2. Economic Development
3. Eliminate Blight in Neighborhoods
4. Improve Code Enforcement
5. Parks and Outdoor Recreation Space (including athletic field)
6. Sidewalks and Related Improvements
7. Reserve for Unfunded Liability

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

2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Memorandum of Understanding with Self Help Enterprises for Extension of Water Services to the Tombstone Territory.

Public comment:

Ray Cano provided comment that the agency will pay for the study and there will be no cost to the City.

Nayamin Martinez of the Central California Environmental Justice Network, said in 2015 they became aware of the wells going dry and they were able to get funding to build new wells but the problem has escalated and she encouraged the Council to vote in favor of the MOU to help find a permanent solution to the problem.

Tomas Carrillo said he is a resident of Tombstone since 1977 that there are a lot of children in the area. He asked the Council to consider the children when making a decision.

Paul of Self-Help Enterprises thanked the Council for consideration of the MOU and said Self-Help supports the language in the draft MOU and is willing to move ahead in a rapid manner to pursue DWR funds and if not approved, apply for funds with the State Water Resources Control Board.

Kevin Carter asked the Council to consider how the study will impact Sanger in the future and how involved the City will be with the project.

The City Council by motion of Mayor Garza authorized the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Self Help Enterprises to act as Lead Agency on behalf of the City of Sanger to submit applications to the Department of Water Resources and/or the Safe Drinking SRF program for the extension of water services to the Tombstone territory. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hurtado and approved by the following vote:

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

3. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 2018-12 - Urban Greening Grant Application.

Public comment:

Jerry Valadez asked the Council to consider water education as part of this process because consumption and lack of conservation is a problem.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Garza approved Resolution No. 2018-12 approving a budget adjustment to the FY 17/18 budget to record the receipt and appropriation of \$166,050 Urban Greening Grant with the State of California Natural Resources Agency for Veterans Park. 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: DENIED - Reallocation of Non-Profit Measure S Grant Funding.

Public comment:

Jerry Valadez, CEO of Sanger Community Science Workshop and SAM Academy, said the initial request for funds last year were cut 20% from the original scope of the request and that the scope for the additional funding is there. He said services were cut based on the final allocations.

Melissa Griggs said the Citizen's Oversight Committee had excluded Unity Estates from receiving residual funds.

Kevin Carter said he attended the last COC meeting and understood that the recommendation of the COC was to give remaining funds according to the initial ration; with the exception of Unity Estates.

Osvaldo Vera said the Council should help out the organizations because they're working with the kids.

Steve Worton said he attended the COC meeting and it was clear to him that this money would be used to make up the cut that was originally made.

Unidentified resident said each group was given a certain percentage of the original so when \$19,000 came back and Unity was 25% of the funds the 25% was to be kept aside until they can explain their scope.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Martinez voted to roll over the forfeited funds to the next fiscal year as additional distribution for the program. The motion was seconded by Council Member Hurtado and approved by the following vote:

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

5. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 2018-13 - Emergency Domestic Sewer Trunk Line Failure.

Public comment:

Unidentified resident said delivery trucks were using neighborhood streets en route to Pitman Farms and said she was concerned the streets are not strong enough for trucks.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Garza approved Resolution No. 2018-13 reviewing the emergency action taken by the City Manager to make emergency repairs on sewer lines and approving the award of emergency contract(s) without competitive bidding for the emergency repairs at North Avenue and J Street and the headworks located at the City's Corporation Yard. 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. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Tim Chapa announced the City has an opportunity to apply for consideration of a new state program called Opportunity Zones that will provide benefits to new businesses allowing them to defer or eliminate federal taxes on capital gains. He said initially Sanger did not qualify but at the urging of Supervisor Magsig, Fresno County is applying to the state on behalf of cities.

City Manager Chapa announced he will be out of the office on Friday, March 23 and will be in Orange Cove assisting with the process of hiring a new city manager.

J. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros said perhaps we can get criteria for the Opportunity Zone so we can put ourselves in proper alignment of the criteria to qualify.

Council Member Garza asked for a consensus that an item be placed on a future meeting agenda to discuss changing the ordinance related to car ports. He said residents in his District have been receiving notices from Code Enforcement requiring them to remove car ports. He said homes in the area have either only one or no car port and the car ports are needed to provide protection from the elements. The Council gave consensus to add the item to a future meeting agenda.

City Manager Garza said he would like to discuss the City Manager's contract because it expires in January 2019.

Council Member Hurtado announced the reception in honor of Women's History Month will be held on March 21 from 4 to 6 pm. She said there will be an art display, music and cake.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the Council adjourned their meeting at 8:08:01 PM.