

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SANGER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 3, 2013
6:00 P.M.
Council Chamber

The regular meeting convened at 6:04 P.M.

Councilmembers Present: MITCHELL, NIELSON, ONTIVEROS, CANTU, PACHECO

PUBLIC FORUM PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION

None

CLOSED SESSION

Council went into Closed Session to:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency Representatives: City Manager Brian Haddix, City Attorney Jenell Van Bindsbergen, Finance Director Debby Sultan, City Clerk Becky Hernandez
Employee Organizations: All Bargaining Groups
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (2) or (3)
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Signification Exposure to Litigation: 1 case
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
 1. Builder's Capital, et al. v. City of Sanger
Fresno Superior Court Case No. 08CECG04323
 2. Eugene Drinkhouse v. City of Sanger
Fresno Superior Court Case No. 12CECG00078
AAA Binding Arbitrator Case No. 74-116-00401-12
 3. City of Sanger, et al, v. County of Fresno
Fresno Superior Court Case No. 08CECG03535
5th District Appellate Case No. F060148
 4. City of Sanger v. Chooljian Brothers
Fresno Superior Court Case No. 08CECG01853DRF

The Council reconvened their meeting at 7:02 P.M.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by Pastor Gary Duran.
The Flag Salute was led by Mayor Mitchell.

ROLL CALL

Present: MITCHELL, NIELSON, ONTIVEROS, CANTU, PACHECO
Absent: NONE

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Jenell Van Bindsbergen announced no reportable action taken in closed session.

AGENDA APPROVAL

APPROVED AS AMENDED – City Manager Brian Haddix asked that Agenda Item G Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report be deleted from the agenda. The Council by motion of Councilmember Ontiveros approved the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nielson and unanimously approved.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

The City recognized the following:

Dr. J. Luis Bautista for hosting the 10th Annual Christmas Health Fair in Sanger

Jeff Woo for organizing Operation Keeping Sanger Warm

PUBLIC FORUM

Public comment was received from Fred Heisman and Osvaldo Vera.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council by motion of Councilmember Cantu pulled Item I-1 Monthly Warrants for separate discussion and approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

APPROVED – Minutes for the regular meeting of December 20, 2012

ACCEPTED – Treasurer’s Report as of November 30, 2012

REVIEWED – Monthly Financial Review

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nielson and unanimously approved.

The Council by motion of Councilmember Ontiveros approved Item I-1 Monthly Warrants of the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pacheco and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM J-1 – ORDINANCE NO. 1138 ~ ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS FOR COLLECTOR AND ARTERIAL STREETS

The Council by motion of Councilmember Cantu conducted the first hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 1138 establishing speed limits for collector and arterial streets and adopting the 2012 Sanger Engineering & Traffic Survey; waived the reading of the Ordinance in its entirety; and set the second hearing on the Ordinance for the Council's February 7, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pacheco and unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ITEM K-1 – APPROVED – FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

The Council by motion of Councilmember Ontiveros approved the amended Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) submitted by Fresno Council of Governments' (COG) to allow them to enter into the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) that would enable regional governance and management of the existing San Joaquin intercity rail service between Bakersfield-Fresno-Stockton-Sacramento-Oakland.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cantu and unanimously approved.

ITEM K-2 – SOCCER FIELDS

Public comment was received from Ed Cuadros.

The Council by motion of Councilmember Cantu embraced the concept of creating a regional soccer complex and directed staff to bring back additional information documenting the viability, scope and description of the concept. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ontiveros and unanimously approved.

The Council called for a recess at 8:12 P.M.

The Council reconvened their meeting at 8:19 P.M.

ITEM K-3 – ONE VOICE TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC

Public comment was received from Julian Chapa, Fred Heisman and Ed Cuadros.

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Nielson approved the participation of the City Manager and Mayor in the 2013 Fresno Council of Governments' One Voice Trip to Washington DC with the condition that an agenda item be brought back to Council, before and after the trip, providing details of presentations and identifying agencies that will be contacted. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ontiveros and unanimously approved.

ITEM K-4 – APPROVED – FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR COPS FUNDING

The Council by motion of Councilmember Cantu approved the expenditure of FY 2012/2013 COPS allocated funds of \$100,000 to cover the costs of one full-time police officer and to pay for an upgrade of the security access system, with direction to find the most economical computer and printer, at the Sanger Police facility. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pacheco and unanimously approved.

The Council adjourned their meeting at 8:44 p.m. to conduct a Sanger Housing Authority meeting.

The Council reconvened their meeting at 9:04 p.m.

CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Brian Haddix commented on: participation in Fire Transition Agreement negotiations along with other City Managers; meeting with Tracy Fornwalt of POM Wonderful to discuss their staff training through Sanger's job training center; Interim Fire Chief Greg Tarascou will discuss the City's ISO rating and securing a Firefighter's grant at the next Council meeting; recent inspection of brewing company in Industrial Park; appreciation of Chief's Rodriguez's efforts in working with Police Officers for handing out Christmas gifts, developing a volunteer program, and for working with the Fire Department in a trauma prevention program; working with Dan Spears on the 54-suite office complex by Sam Lucido; efforts to get additional promotion with EDC to market Sanger; Dan Spears working closely with the developer of the tract east of Jefferson School; asked that all tune into Channel 30 at 11 p.m. for a news report on Sanger's development activity.

MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

The Council reached a consensus to reschedule the January 27, 2013 regular meeting to Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Pacheco announced that he had nothing to report.

Councilmember Ontiveros thanked staff and Interim Public Works Director John Mulligan for their work on the Christmas Fest; and, directed the City Manager to have the recap seal on Moir Avenue checked out.

Councilmember Cantu asked the Council for a consensus that the possibility of bringing back a dispatch center and enhancing the Police Reserve force be addressed.

Mayor Pro Tem Nielson suggested that the Public Safety Subcommittee meet to discuss Council member Cantu's suggestions. He thanked staff and the local businesses for their efforts with the Christmas Fest.

Mayor Mitchell reported that the Tree & Landscape Commission meeting was cancelled; echoed the comments made to staff in gratitude for their work on the Christmas Fest; encouraged the City Manager to meet with the new councilmembers to seek out items of importance to them to provide them with an update on current items; asked the City Manager for an update by email as to the timeframe for completion of the City's strategic plan; thanked staff for working on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the Council adjourned their meeting at 9:21 p.m. in memory of Charles "Charlie" McVay and Reverend Filippo "Phillip" Puntrello.