

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SANGER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 18, 2012
6:00 P.M.
Council Chamber

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

Councilmembers Present: MITCHELL, RUIZ, CASTELLANO, NIELSON
Councilmembers Absent: ONTIVEROS

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, Assistant City Attorney Jenell Van Bindsbergen, Finance Director Debby Sultan, Executive Assistant Becky Hernandez
Employee Organizations: All Bargaining Groups
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Public Employee Performance Evaluation
City Attorney

Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros arrived during Closed Session.

The Council reconvened their meeting at 6:59 P.M.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by Pastor Sam Estes of Grace Community Church.
The Flag Salute was led by Mayor Mitchell.

ROLL CALL

Present: MITCHELL, ONTIVEROS, RUIZ, CASTELLANO, NIELSON
Absent: NONE

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

APPROVED – The Council by motion of Councilmember Ruiz approved the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros and unanimously approved.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

The Council recognized Larry Pistacchio, owner of Pistacchio Pump Co., Inc. and proclaimed October 2012 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Sanger.

WORKSHOP

Jack Hall, Director of Government Affairs for Comcast, made a presentation on the Internet Essentials program designed to expand broadband internet access to low-income families.

SANGER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE QUARTERLY REPORT

Pastor Sam Estes, Chairman of the Board, presented the quarterly report of the Sanger Chamber of Commerce.

PUBLIC FORUM

Public comment was received from Osvaldo Vera and Randy Guerra.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

REVIEWED – Warrants No. 58688 through 58887

APPROVED – Payroll Checks No. 53006 through No. 53039; Direct Deposit No. 28789 through No. 28996; and Benefit Checks No. 790 through No. 797

APPROVED – Minutes for the meeting of October 4, 2012

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Castellano and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM K-1 ORDINANCE NO. 1136 OF THE CITY OF SANGER AMENDING CHAPTER 54 OF THE SANGER CITY CODE REGARDING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.

The City Council conducted the second hearing to discuss an ordinance amending Chapter 54 of the Sanger City Code regarding Solid Waste Management. Public comment was received from

Hector Sandoval, Osvaldo Vera, Julian Chapa, Bob Lynch, Jesse Lombera, and Dick Sheppard. The public hearing was closed. The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros approved Ordinance No. 1136. Mayor Mitchell asked that staff bring back to Council proposed fees and/or penalties for the unlawful removal of recycled goods from containers per amended Section 54-7. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nielson and approved by the following vote:

AYES:	MITCHELL, ONTIVEROS, CASTELLANO, NIELSON
NOES:	RUIZ
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

ITEM K-2 ORDINANCE NO. 1137 REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1085 OF THE CITY OF SANGER TO TERMINATE THE CITY OF SANGER’S MEMBERSHIP IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY POWER AUTHORITY JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

The City Council conducted the first hearing to discuss an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 1085 to terminate the City of Sanger’s membership in the San Joaquin Valley Power Authority Joint Powers Agreement. The public hearing was closed. The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros approved Ordinance No. 1137, waived the reading in its entirety, and set the second hearing for the Council’s November 1 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nielson and unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ITEM L-2 – APPROVED – New Website Domain Name

Public comment was received from Jaime Garza.

The Council by motion of Councilmember Ruiz accepted the use of the new domain name as cityofsanger.net. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros and unanimously approved.

ITEM L-3 – APPROVED – Gang Prevention/Intervention Boys & Girls Club Grant Application

Public comment was received from Osvaldo Vera, Jesse Lombera, Joe Villalobos, Jaime Garza, and Enrique Valdez.

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros approved application of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County to use Measure S dollars to fund the “StreetSMART” gang prevention and resiliency program. Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros asked that staff bring back to Council in January a plan for more funding approval. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ruiz and unanimously approved.

ITEM L-5 – City Entry Signs located on State Route 180

Public comment was received from Jaime Garza and Joe Villalobos. The Council directed staff

to work with the community in obtaining input for the design of entry signs and possibly a competition similar to the competition held for the design of the downtown.

ITEM L-6 – APPROVED – PG&E Enhanced Economic Development Utility Rate

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros adopted Resolution No. 4370 in support of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's proposal to establish an Enhanced Economic Development Utility Rate, and authorized the Mayor to sign a letter for delivery to the California Public Utilities Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nielson and unanimously approved.

CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Brian Haddix commented on: meeting with Mike Dozier to discuss economic development enhancement for the City; meeting with SUSD to continue efforts for the training center; participation in a webinar related to pension reform; his appreciation to Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros for connecting staff with Linda and Stuart Resnick, owners of Paramount Farms and POM Wonderful, for a meeting to discuss their help in funding the training center and repair of parks.

City Manager Brian Haddix announced that the regular City Council meeting of November 15, 2012, conflicts with the Fresno COG Policy Board meeting. Council asked that the regular meeting be cancelled and be tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2012.

MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Nielson announced: the Halloween event at the Youth Center on October 27, 2012 from 5 to 8 p.m.; the Veteran's Day Parade and Marine Corp Ball on November 10, 2012; and the Zumbathon on October 20, 2012 hosted by the Downtown Association.

Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros announced that he had nothing to report from the Planning Commission meeting and announced Sanger Family Day at Greenwood Park on October 20, 2012 hosted by International Paper.

Mayor Mitchell expressed his discontent with the median landscape on Academy Avenue. He announced that the Tree & Landscape Commission meeting was cancelled and said that he would like that the Tree & Landscape Commission be combined with the Parks & Recreation Commission. Mayor Mitchell announced Council's request that they consider 3 options related to city attorney services: 1) issue an RFP; 2) review of existing proposals from prior RFP by a sub-committee; or 3) retain existing services with Lozano Smith.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the Council adjourned their meeting at 9:31 P.M.