



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANGER CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021
6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER
1700 7th Street, Sanger, California 93657

This meeting was conducted via teleconference pursuant to provisions of Paragraph 11 of the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20 which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act, and as a response to mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Council called their meeting to order at 6:29 PM.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was led by Jessica Guerra.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Martinez.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eli Ontiveros, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Martiez, Councilmember Esmeralda Hurtado, Councilmember Michael Montelongo

Absent: Councilmember Humberto Garza

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Hurtado asked to postpone Item J-1.

The Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo deleted agenda item J-1 and approved the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hurtado and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

D. PUBLIC FORUM

Julie Mendoza, provided comment that several items on the agenda are affected by the homelessness issue. Ms. Mendoza asked the City Council to take into consideration a proposal that was prepared by the Homelessness Initiative Group.

Vincent Wall, speaking as a representative of the City's Planning Commission, provided comment on how he was elected to be the spokesperson of the Planning Commission. He also provided comment that Kevin Carter is the backup delegate.

Yolanda, member of Sanger Homeless Initiative group, provided comment that the homelessness needs to end in Sanger and to consider the proposal that was sent to the Council.

Joshua Gallegos, provided comment on the condition of the streets in the City and asked if the Council is currently doing anything to make improvements.

Marina Sanchez, an intern of SAM Academy, thanked Councilmember Hurtado and Councilmember Montelongo for taking interest in the voices of the youth. Ms. Sanchez asked the Council if there was anything the Councilmembers are currently doing with the community that SAM Academy can be a part of and asked when are they continuing the downtown beautification.

Caden Aguirre, thanked the Council for the maintenance being done on the streets.

Via email, Christi Carza asked the Council to please strongly consider the proposal Hope Sanger is advocating for with a portion of the \$3 million dollars received.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the City Council Regular Meetings held on April 15, 2021, and May 6, 2021.
2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Request from Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission for Letter of Support.
The City Council authorized submittal of a Letter of Support on behalf of Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission's application for CDBG Funded Social Services Programs.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hurtado and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

F. WORKSHOP

1. SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Presentation.
City Council conducted a budget workshop to review the proposed FY2021-2022 budget, discuss, and provide direction to Staff.

Administrative Services Director Bret Harmon presented the item.

Public comment:

Vincent Wall provided comment on there not being growth as far as spending money on what the community needs.

Julie Mendoza asked the Council to take into consideration the proposal about the homelessness.

Kevin Carter provided comment on using money to pay off the sewer bond.

Community member provided comment on the City's budget having more graphs and pie charts.

Frank Gonzalez provided comment on the Council going back and taking a look at the Measure S budget.

Mayor Ontiveros asked the Council for consensus to revise the resolution to increase the minimum reserve fund balance from 15% to the range of 20% to 25%. The Council gave consensus.

Councilmember Garza entered the meeting at approximately 7:00 PM.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant Application.

City Planner David Brletic presented the item.

Public comment:

Vincent Wall provided comment that it is a great plan and the City needs affordable housing.

Julie Medoza provided comment that it is imperative that affordable housing be near commerce.

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Martinez considered the submittal of an application for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities "AHSC" Grant through adoption of Resolution No. 2021-28. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hurtado and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

H. DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - American Rescue Plan Funding for Business Support.

Mayor Ontiveros delegated the item to Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and left the dais at 8:40 PM.

Community Development Director Tom Navarro presented on the item.

Public comment:

Vincent Wall provided comment on Mayor Ontiveros excusing himself.

The Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo approved Staff's proposal for the distribution of the American Rescue Plan Funding for additional business support to 100 businesses in the amount of \$5,000, for a total amount of \$500,000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garza and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Ontiveros returned to the dais after the voting.

I. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

1. COVID-19 Update – informational only.

City Manager Tim Chapa provided a COVID-19 update. The update is included with these minutes as Attachment A (strikethrough section in Attachment A represents information provided with previous updates).

Public comment:

Kevin Carter provided comment on the importance of getting vaccinated and liked the gift card idea.

Vincent Wall commended the City Manager for his efforts on COVID-19.

2. City Manager Tim Chapa reported that based on the results of the census the City will need to go through a redistricting process. The City Attorney and City Clerk will have a future agenda item that will talk about the time frame and process before the November 2022 election. As a component of the process, City Manager Chapa reported that he will be using his purchasing authority to get a demographer onboard and the reason for doing this early is there is only about 5 to 6 firms that provide this service.

J. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

1. DELETED- Request from Councilmember Hurtado for presentation of future projects in District 1.
1. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez said he had some issues over the weekend and thanked Community Development Tom Navarro and Tim Chapa for helping with it.
2. Councilmember Montelongo thanked the City Manager and Public Works Department with their help on some issues he had in District 4.
3. Councilmember Montelongo asked if the area on Almond Avenue and Greenwood Avenue can be looked into. There is a stop sign near a two-story house and bushes are blocking the view.
4. Councilmember Montelongo reported that he has received numerous phone calls from citizens regarding Sanger Place. There are individuals coming out of the facility that are not appropriately dressed or dressed at all. He asked if there can be improvements done with what is going on over there.
5. Councilmember Montelongo asked about the liaison for the Planning Commission and what the difference is when there is a Councilmember that attends.
6. Councilmember Montelongo thanked City Staff and Administrative Director Harmon with the work on the budget.
7. Councilmember Garza stated he would like to sit in with the demographer for the redistricting if there is going to be a committee for it.
8. Councilmember Hurtado said she has been actively out in the Community promoting getting vaccinated.
9. Councilmember Hurtado reported that she is the liaison for the Planning Commission and has been attending the meetings.
10. Councilmember Hurtado thanked Public Works Director John Mulligan and the Public Works Department for following up on items that she had at the last Council meeting.

11. Councilmember Hurtado recognized the Dolores Huerta Foundation for the food distribution in her District. She thanked Ken Garcia for allowing the event to take place at Wilson Elementary.
12. Councilmember Hurtado said she has received some complaints about the property on the corner of Academy Avenue and Church Avenue. There have been complaints of overgrown weeds.
13. Councilmember Hurtado would like her presentation moved to the June 3rd Council meeting and if it can be done before the budget adoption.
14. Mayor Ontiveros reported that he will email his comments to Public Works Director John Mulligan.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the Council adjourned their meeting at 9:46 PM.



Heather Gonzales, HR Technician