



Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Sanger City Council

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023
6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER
1700 7th Street, Sanger, California 93657

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Council called their meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was offered by Pastor Paul Canaday.

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

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Martinez, Councilmember Esmeralda Hurtado,
Councilmember Michael Montelongo, Councilmember Dolores Melendez
Absent: Mayor Frank Gonzalez

C. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

The Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo deleted Agenda Item H-1 and moved Item J-1 to be presented prior to Item G-1. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hurtado and approved by the following vote:

AYES: MARTINEZ, HURTADO, MONTELONGO, MELENDEZ
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: GONZALEZ

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Sanger Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report.

Sanger Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Karen Pearson presented the Chamber's quarterly report.

E. PUBLIC FORUM

Unidentified member of the audience said the minutes of the prior meeting misquoted him about the postponing of the Geary Avenue project. The audience member said a Councilmember had indicated they were not willing to change the project priority from West Avenue to another

location because the Councilmember's mother lives in that area. The audience member said another Councilmember indicated they had already spoken to residents of West Avenue and the Councilmember said he would not go back to tell the residents the project was not going to happen. The audience member said these were bad comments and shows the types of character.

An unidentified member of the audience said they do not see police patrol in their area. They said there are a lot of beds and a lot of trash in alleys and it needs to get checked.

Jacob with Set Free Church, said the ministry is growing like crazy. They currently have four homes and will soon have five. He said their programs pay to get people through truck driving schools and their members serve the community by cleaning alleys. He said they would love to help more if they could get slips to allow them to dump items.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings held on June 15, 2023.
2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Cancellation of the September 21, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting.
The City Council voted to cancel the regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2023, due to a lack of quorum.

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

AYES: MARTINEZ, HURTADO, MONTELONGO, MELENDEZ
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: GONZALEZ

THE COUNCIL CONSIDERED AGENDA ITEM J-1 AT THIS TIME.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SUBJECT: Annual Assessments for Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1.

The Council held a public hearing to discuss annual assessments for Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1.

No public comment was offered.

The Council closed the public hearing.

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Martinez approved Resolution No. 2023-34, confirming diagram and assessment for the Annual Levy of Assessments for Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1 for FY 23-24, and directed the City Clerk to record the resolution with the Fresno County Office of the Auditor-Controller. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montelongo and approved by the following vote:

AYES: MARTINEZ, HURTADO, MONTELONGO, MELENDEZ
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: GONZALEZ

2. SUBJECT: Annual Assessments for Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 2.

The Council held a public hearing to discuss the annual assessments for Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 2.

No public comment was offered.

The Council closed the public hearing.

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Martinez approved Resolution No. 2023-35, confirming diagram and assessment for the Annual Levy of Assessments for Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 2 for FY 23-24 and directed the City Clerk to record the resolution with the Fresno County Office of the Auditor-Controller. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Melendez and approved by the following vote:

AYES: MARTINEZ, HURTADO, MONTELONGO, MELENDEZ
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: GONZALEZ

3. SUBJECT: Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment No. 2023-02 and Initiation of Annexation of Subject Properties and the Somerset Residential Community Project.

The Council held a public hearing to discuss Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment No. 2023-02 and initiation of annexation of subject properties and the Somerset Residential Community Project.

Public Comment:

An unidentified member of the audience said when Highway 180 was proposed several years ago, there was discussion about maintenance of a green belt and asked if it was being considered this time as well.

The Council closed the public hearing.

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Martinez:

1. Waived the full reading and introduced by title only Ordinance No. 2023-06 an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Sanger approving Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment No. 2023-02 for the pre-annexation zoning of two parcels from Fresno County's AE-10 (Exclusive Agricultural) to the City's R-1-6 (Single Family Residential District) for two parcels of approximately 28.37 acres generally located south of E. North Avenue, east of S. Bethel Avenue, and west of S. Greenwood Avenue; and
2. Adopted Resolution No. 2023-36 to request the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) to undertake proceedings for the Annexation of the Somerset Residential Community Project area and surrounding properties into the City of Sanger.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montelongo. The motion failed by the following vote:

AYES: MARTINEZ, MONTELONGO
NOES: HURTADO, MELENDEZ
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: GONZALEZ

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: DELETED Review of Military Equipment Use Policy Ordinance and Receipt of Annual Report.

I. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

1. Presentation on site layouts for 10-acre park.

City Manager Tim Chapa gave a presentation regarding site layout options for a 10-acre park.

J. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

1. Discussion of a Senior Citizen Committee – Councilmember Hurtado.

Councilmember Hurtado led a discussion about creating a Senior Citizen Committee.

Public comment:

Joyce Provost, member of the Sanger Senior Center, said they have ideas for activities and events. They would like to hold an official grand reopening, schedule educational services and speakers from other agencies (i.e. AARP, FMAAA), and assistance with driving tests. She said they are a sociable group having grown from approximately five members to approximately thirty.

Councilmember Hurtado requested a consensus to place an item on the next meeting agenda to further discuss a Senior Citizen Committee. No consensus was given.

Councilmembers gave a consensus to allow the Sanger Senior Center to create their own informal committee responsible for organizing activities and events.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez

1. Asked the City Attorney what the process is to reconsider Agenda Item G-3. City Attorney Montoy said the Councilmembers who voted no could request to conduct another vote.
Mayor Pro Tem Martinez allowed an opportunity for a request to conduct another vote. No request was made.

Councilmember Hurtado

1. Requested consensus to place an item on a future meeting agenda for discussion and direction on conducting a warrant study for installation of a 4-way stop at 7th and K Streets. Consensus given.
2. Requested update on tree maintenance at O and 7th Streets.
3. Requested update on the rock issue at alleyways in downtown.
4. Requested update on the placement of mirrors at alleyways in downtown.

Councilmember Montelongo

1. Asked Staff to provide the Council's vote on the General Plan.
2. Asked Staff to look at a dry spot at Rotary Field.
3. Thanked Staff for clearing out Greenwood Park.
4. Asked for an update on the homelessness issue.

Councilmember Melendez

No comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez

1. Thanked staff for the email regarding construction.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the Council adjourned their meeting at 7:38 PM.

ATTEST:



Rebeca Padron, City Clerk