



Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Sanger City Council

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023

5:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER

1700 7TH Street, Sanger, California 93657

A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council called their Special Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Frank Gonzalez, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Martinez, Councilmember Michael Montelongo

Absent: Councilmember Esmeralda Hurtado, Councilmember Dolores Melendez

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Martinez approved the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montelongo and approved by the following vote:

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

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council pulled Agenda Items D-1 through D-3 for separate discussion.

1. SUBJECT: Cancellation of the July 20, 2023 Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Public comment:

Unidentified member of the audience said two Councilmembers can hold the July 20th meeting for discussion items.

Efren Rubio said he feels it is ridiculous to call a meeting today.

Jerry Valadez, CEO of SAM Academy, said he attended the meeting because of a plea from a colleague. He said the meeting was called within the 24-hour notice period but not called until two colleagues were gone. He said the Council is eliminating two voices of the Council from any discussion and they were denied to participate by Zoom or by phone.

Unidentified member of the audience said two people are not here and if Council wants to do things right they should wait for the two Councilmembers to return.

Unidentified member of the audience, speaking on behalf of Pastor Jacob, asked that the meeting be postponed until two Councilmembers are here to participate in the conversation.

The Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo voted to cancel the regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 20, 2023 due to an anticipated lack of quorum. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

2. SUBJECT: Out of State Travel Request – Mayor Frank Gonzalez.

Public comment:

Unidentified member of the audience said he agrees with the travel and asked that a report be brought back with an estimated cost breakdown.

Jerry Valadez said it does not make sense to have an item that has no urgency on an agenda for an emergency meeting.

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Martinez approved out of state travel for Mayor Gonzalez to attend the National League of Cities “City Summit” in Atlanta, Georgia from November 16 – 18, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montelongo and approved by the following vote:

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

3. SUBJECT: Out of State Travel Request – Fire Chief Greg Tarascou.

Public comment:

Unidentified member of the audience said it is an excellent idea for the Fire Chief to attend the conference and he likes the way the cost was broken down.

The Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo approved out of state travel for the Fire Chief to attend the International Association of Fire Chiefs Fire-Rescue International Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, from August 14 – 18, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

E. DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. SUBJECT: Process for Filling Interim City Manager Position and City Manager Position.

Public comment:

Unidentified member of the audience said the city manager job is very important and thinks the Council would want to discuss with the other two councilmembers that are not here. He said the Council should have waited until Monday to hold the meeting.

Efren Rubio said in the past the selection for a city manager was done in-house.

The Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo directed Staff to issue a Request for Proposals to retain a Recruitment Firm for the recruitment of the City Manager position.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

2. SUBJECT: CDBG Funding Application for Fiscal Year 24/25.

The City Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo confirmed staff's direction to apply for funding of park improvements at Medrano/Olive Glen Park through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the 2024/25 Fiscal Year. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

F. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the Council adjourned their Special Meeting at 6:56 PM.

ATTEST:



Rebeca Padron, City Clerk