



Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Sanger City Council

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 6:03 PM.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was offered by Pastor Paul Canaday.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Frank Gonzalez.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

C. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

The Council by motion of Council Member Montelongo moved Agenda Items G-1, G-2, and G-3 to be presented before Agenda Item E. Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Council Member Melendez and approved as amended by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, MARTINEZ, HURTADO, MONTELONGO, MELENDEZ

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

D. PRESENTATION

1. Homelessness Work Group Update.

Police Commander Joshua Johnson provided an update on the Homelessness Work Group.

E. PUBLIC FORUM

Unidentified audience member spoke of an ordinance that does not apply to her and, agreement that she has not yet seen but is required to provide a response by October 23rd, and the accompanying irrevocable life time lien that would transfer to heirs or new buyers.

Unidentified audience member stated he met with City staff every Tuesday for three months and everyone knew they were not subject to the ordinance.

Sharri Gumber-Carter stated she has been in communication with a volunteer at the animal shelter and was provided with a list of items needed at the shelter, which include heat during winter, air conditioner repairs or a new one, medical supplies, towels, blankets, more cages, tick and flea medicine and an addition to the structure. She asked Council to consider funding when the new budget rolls around.

Armando (with Council Member Hurtado translating) spoke of an incident in which his daughter was struck by a car at Annadale and Academy on her way home from school. He has not yet received the police report. He said the same officer that responded to the incident had previously issued him a ticket for a broken headlight.

Unidentified audience member said she is happy because Pastor Jacob cleaned the alley.

Unidentified audience member stated a Public Works employee named Daniel saved the lives of two people but has not been recognized for it.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings held on October 5, 2023.
2. SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Warrants including Check Nos. 89877 through 90353.
3. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Payroll including Direct Deposit Nos. 60512 through 61092; Payroll Check Nos. 59105 through 59243; and Benefit Check Nos. 1916 through 1931.
4. SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Police Department Monthly Report.
5. SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Fire Department Monthly Report.

6. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Acceptance of OTS-ABC Local Enforcement Grant 2023/2024.

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-55 accepting grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety and Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and approving a budget amendment to the FY 23/24 budget to record the receipt and appropriation of \$25,000 from the grant award.

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

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

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SUBJECT: Ordinance Approving Zoning Map Amendment No. 2023-01.

The Council held a public hearing to discuss Zoning Map Amendment No. 2023-01.

Public comment:

Sam Renteria stated he has not given any campaign contributions to anyone.

Kevin Carter stated he is on the Planning Commission but these opinions are his own. He said the lot has been empty since 1977 and the downtown has not expanded there yet. He said the area is clean and looks neat and this project might stimulate growth in that area. He said he does not see a good reason not to rezone the place.

Unidentified audience member stated he has mentioned that nothing has been built out there and if it is allowed that part of the town can't grow.

The Council closed the public hearing.

The Council by motion of Council Member Hurtado waived the full reading, and introduced Ordinance No. 2023-08 amending the City of Sanger Zoning Map, to change the zoning of real property from the C-4 (General Commercial) district to the C-M (Commercial and Light Manufacturing) district consistent with the General Plan designations for the properties. (APNs: 320-011-17, 320-011-19, and 320-011-021) The motion was seconded by Council Member Montelongo and approved by the following vote:

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

2. **SUBJECT:** Annexation No. 4 (Tract 6327, Phase II of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 5826) into Community Facilities District 2005-1 and Related Actions.

The City Council held a public hearing regarding the annexation of territory to Community Facilities District No. 2005-01.

City Clerk Rebeca Padron declared that the Notice of Public Hearing for Annexation No. 4 was published on October 12, 2023.

Council Member Melendez left the dais at 7:19 PM.

Public Comment: None.

City Clerk Padron declared:

- a) No written protests were received by the City.
- b) There are less than 12 registered voters within the Community Facilities District.
- c) Written consents to holding the Community Facilities District Elections have been received from all landowners within the proposed Annexation No. 4.
- d) She concurs with the holding of the Special Election for Annexation No. 4.

The Council closed the public hearing.

City Clerk Padron conducted the election.

City Clerk Padron announced one ballot was received, closed the election and announced there was one yes vote and zero no votes.

City Clerk Padron declared the annexation passed unanimously.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Montelongo adopted Resolution No. 2023-56 Authorizing the Annexation of Territory to Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 (Annexation No. 4) and Authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax and submitting the Levy of Tax to the Qualified Electors. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

Council Member Melendez returned to the dais at 7:22 PM.

The Council by motion of Council Member Montelongo adopted Resolution No. 2023-57 Making Certain Findings, Certifying the Results of Election and Adding the Territory identified as Annexation No. 4 to CFD 2005-1. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

3. **SUBJECT:** Annexation No. 5 (Parcel Map 2022-02) into Community Facilities District 2005-1 and Related Actions.

The City Council held a public hearing regarding the annexation of territory to Community Facilities District No. 2005-01.

City Clerk Rebeca Padron declared that the Notice of Public Hearing for Annexation No. 5 was published on October 12, 2023.

Public Comment: None.

City Clerk Padron declared:

- a) No written protests were received by the City.
- b) There are less than 12 registered voters within the Community Facilities District.
- c) Written consents to holding the Community Facilities District Elections have been received from all landowners within the proposed Annexation No. 5.
- d) She concurs with the holding of the Special Election for Annexation No. 5.

The Council closed the public hearing.

City Clerk Padron conducted the election.

City Clerk Padron announced one ballot was received, closed the election and announced there was one yes vote and zero no votes.

City Clerk Padron declared the annexation passed unanimously.

The Council by motion of Council Member Montelongo adopted Resolution No. 2023-58 Authorizing the Annexation of Territory to Community Facilities District No. 2005-1 (Annexation No. 5) and Authorizing the Levy of a Special Tax and submitting the Levy of Tax to the Qualified Electors. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

The Council by motion of Council Member Montelongo adopted Resolution No. 2023-59 Making Certain Findings, Certifying the Results of Election and Adding the Territory identified as Annexation No. 5 to CFD 2005-1. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Update on Enterprise Utility Bill Collections and Resumption of Shut Offs.

Administrative Services Director Patrick Chaffee presented an update on the status of utility bill collections and resumption of shut offs.

2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Participation in the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Extension.

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Martinez authorized participation in an extension to the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) and authorized the Interim City Manager to execute the Direct Payment Agreement and all other documents related to the program extending the eligibility period from October 31, 2023 to May 31, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Melendez and approved by the following vote:

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

3. SUBJECT: Rescission of Direction Relating to Ballot Measure for Hotel Tax (Transient Occupancy Tax).

The City Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Martinez directed Staff and City Attorney to discontinue their work in preparing a ballot resolution for hotel tax (Transient Occupancy Tax) for submittal to voters at March 5, 2024. The motion was seconded by Council Member Montelongo and approved by the following vote:

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

I. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

Acting Interim City Manager Greg Tarascou announced:

1. The City received a Clean Air Grant in the amount of \$1million that will be used for Phase 2 of the Veterans Park Project and will include a splash pad.
2. Staff is working on the staff report for the Façade Improvement Program and will bring to Council on November 2, 2023.
3. The parts for the repairs at JFK Park have arrived and now waiting for the contractor to do the installation.

J. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez

1. Thanked Staff for assistance with overgrown trees that were obstructing the sidewalk. The area was cleaned up in two days by the property owner.
2. Will be attending the Halloween Trunk or Treat event.

Council Member Hurtado

1. Asked Staff to work with Armando as urgently as possible regarding the accident his daughter was involved in.
2. Indicated that she stepped out of the last City Council meeting due to a family emergency.
3. Requested and received consensus to have Staff work on obtaining state funding for assistance with the animal shelter.

Council Member Montelongo

1. Requested a follow up on his request for crossings at 10th and P Streets.
2. Corrected an announcement he made at the last City Council meeting regarding the Town Hall Meeting. He said it will be held on November 13 at the Sanger High Multi Purpose Room.

Council Member Melendez

1. Requested an update on the timing of the parts that are being installed at JFK Park.

Mayor Gonzalez

1. Indicated that when Council Members go to conferences and trade shows, they go with information about empty lots and businesses and it's up to them to decide whether they want to bring business to Sanger. If it will not make them money, they won't build here. The bottom line for a business is to make money

K. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the Council adjourned their meeting at 8:06 PM.

ATTEST:



Rebeca Padron, City Clerk