



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANGER CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022
6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER
1700 7th Street, Sanger, California 93657

A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council called their meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was offered by Pastor Gilbert Carrisales.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Eli Ontiveros.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Councilmember Humberto Garza

C. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

The Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo approved the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Ontiveros and approved by the following vote:

AYES: ONTIVEROS, MARTINEZ, HURTADO, MONTELONGO

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: GARZA

D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

1. The Council recognized Nate Cantu for his achievements in bodybuilding competitions.

E. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SUBJECT: Public Hearing No. 3 to Present Draft Map Options to Rebalance the Population of the Current Council Districts.

Beginning at 6:18 PM, the City Council held a public hearing to review draft map options to rebalance the population of the current Council districts, discuss potential revisions and receive input from the public.

Public comment:

Victor Ruiz said Public 101 map does not fit and that it looks like the purpose is to get a certain councilmember out of the district.

Henry Provost said Public 101 map has straight lines and asked why 202 map does not.

Jaime Garza said 201 map looks close to what is current and he does not like the finger pushing in on 202 map.

Vincent Wall said 201 map and 202 map have a finger that split the current District 3 straight down. He said Public 101 map follows the canal and does best in keeping people in their neighborhoods. He said currently, no councilmember lives on the east side of the city. He said 201 map and 202 map do not solve that issue.

The Council closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Montelongo said the maps will still go to the public another time so there is still time to consider the options.

Councilmember Hurtado said it would have been nice to have the maps included with the agenda and it's difficult to distinguish the roads. She said there is more work to be done and she looks forward to the public's input.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez asked Dr. Tilton about the purpose of the finger in 201 map and 202 map.

Dr. Tilton said the number one criterion is equal population and with the finger filled in could through off the population deviation and balance.

Mayor Ontiveros thanked everyone for their comments. He said this is the beginning and there is still time to participate and create maps via the website.

Councilmember Hurtado asked Dr. Tilton if there will be any community workshops in person or virtually.

Dr. Tilton said having workshops is up to the Council to approve the additional expense. He said the president of National Demographics Corporation is requesting workshops be held virtually. He also said the interactive review tool on the website will compare maps and include roads and will stay on the website for the next ten years by law.

City Manager Tim Chapa said anyone can use the tools available on the website to submit maps up to the public hearing being held in March. He said the Council will decide which maps to move forward with.

F. PUBLIC FORUM

Jaime Garza said in the past the City and Rotary helped St. Mary's Church with the parking issue and he is waiting to hear from Father John how to move forward.

Kevin Carter said he would like to see an ordinance on the agenda regarding the seating of the Mayor is selected by the Council. He said the City needs to go back where voting is done at large.

Rita Flores said there is a big semi parted between the alley and driveway at 1030 Almond Avenue.

Vincent Wall said he agrees with Mr. Carter that the Mayor should be selected by the Council with five districts. He said Mayor Ontiveros should resign due to being accused of domestic violence.

Jaime Garza said to work forward to get the City where it needs to go.

Henry Provost said everyone has the right to a trial.

Fred Heizman said to let the process go out and it is up to Mayor Ontiveros to do the right thing.

Vincent Wall said to think about what is best for the City. He said if anyone googles "Sanger Mayor" the first thing seen is that the Mayor is arrested for domestic violence.

An unidentified participant said everyone has rights.

An unidentified participant said it is understandable that people have feelings and impressions but people are making judgments.

An unidentified participant said a public official's private life becomes a distraction to the business of the City. She said it is time for Mayor Ontiveros to remove himself.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Declaration of City Vehicles as Surplus Property.

Public comment:

Fred Heizman asked why the City is not taking bids.

An unidentified participant said the City should hold a silent auction.

Oswaldo Vera said the City should allow members of the public to purchase surplus vehicles.

The City Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo approved Resolution No. 2022-01 declaring the property listed in the attachment as surplus property and authorizing the disposal or transfer of surplus property pursuant to City of Sanger Municipal Code Section 2-212 and Government Code Section 37350. The motion was seconded by Mayor Ontiveros and approved by the following vote:

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

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

2. SUBJECT: Side Letter Agreement between the City of Sanger and the I.U.O.E. Stationary Local 39 regarding Salary Increases.

Public comment:

Vincent Wall asked how the City is paying for the increases.

The City Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo approved the Side Letter Agreement between the City of Sanger and the I.U.O.E. Stationary Local 39 implementing a 1% salary increase effective July 1, 2021, a 3.5% salary increase effective July 1, 2022, and an additional 3.5% salary increase effective July 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mayor Ontiveros and approved by the following vote:

AYES: ONTIVEROS, MARTINEZ, HURTADO, MONTELONGO
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
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I. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

1. COVID-19 Update – informational only.

City Manager Chapa provided a COVID-19 update.

2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Confirmation of Executive Order 21-05.

The City Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo approved Resolution No. 2022-02 confirming Executive Order 21-05 initiating a mandate of indoor masking for all public buildings within the City of Sanger. The motion was seconded by Mayor Ontiveros and approved by the following vote:

AYES: ONTIVEROS, MARTINEZ, HURTADO, MONTELONGO
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
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3. City Manager Chapa announced that Staff submitted three projects for funding through COG's recommended funding list. He said it will still need COG's formal action. He said one project is the traffic signal at Indianola and Jensen Avenues.

4. City Manager Chapa announced that former police officer JD Torrence is no longer employed by the City.

J. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Montelongo asked if the agenda item regarding the Council's \$800,000 projects will be on the January 20 agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez said in full disclosure he is fully vaccinated and encouraged all to get the vaccine and the booster.


Councilmember Hurtado said she is also fully vaccinated.

Mayor Ontiveros said he and Mayor Pro Tem Martinez will be interviewing Planning Commission applicants. He said LAFCO has confirmed that Sanger is on line for the annexation to take place.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the Council adjourned their meeting at 7:29 PM.

ATTEST:



Rebeca P. Ramirez, City Clerk