



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANGER CITY COUNCIL

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 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 6:14 PM.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was offered by Pastor Paul Canaday.

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 Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

1. City Manager Tim Chapa introduced newly appointed Administrative Services Director Patrick Chaffee.

E. DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Annual Audit Financial Report and Single Audit.

The City Council by motion of Councilmember Hurtado received and filed the Annual Audit Financial Reports and Single Audit for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 as prepared by Mann, Urrutia, Nelson CPAs & Associates, LLP. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

F. PUBLIC FORUM

Jerry Valadez, CEO of SAM Academy, said SAM Academy is celebrating its ninth year in Sanger and that the support of Measure S provides students with participation in workshops in computer science, electrical engineering, civic leadership, and communication.

Kevin Carter said the best news from the last meeting was about the grant for the well. He said there is a lot of trash around Canal Avenue and the railroad tracks, and at Greenwood Avenue and Fairbanks.

Karen Pearson said there is a bus that's parked on the street and she has received complaints from businesses.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo pulled agenda items G-4, G-5, G-6, and G-8, and approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. SUBJECT: REVIEWED - Warrants including Check Nos. 86217 through 86369.
2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Payroll including Direct Deposit Nos. 56296 through 56503; Payroll Check Nos. 58359 through 58388; and Benefit Check Nos. 1768 through 1775.
3. SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Police Department Monthly Report.
7. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Ratification of Emergency Action – Primary Clarifier Repair #3.
The City Council; 1) Adopted Resolution No. 2022-31 reviewing the emergency action taken by the City Manager to make emergency repairs on Primary Clarifier #3 at the WWTP and approving the award of emergency contract without competitive bidding to Warren and Baerg; 2) Approved Resolution No. 2022-39

approving a budget amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget to record the revenue estimation and appropriation of \$105,066.00 from the Sewer Fund Balance; and 3) Authorized the City Manager to execute all related documents on behalf of the City.

9. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program. The City Council authorized participation in the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program and authorized the City Manager to execute the Direct Payment Agreement and all other documents related to the program.
10. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Budget Calendar. The City Council received and filed the calendar for the development of the FY 2022-23 Budget.
11. SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL ITEM - City Water System Update.

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

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

4. SUBJECT: Remote City Council Meetings Under New Brown Act Requirements (AB 361).

Public comment:

Unidentified person said he hopes the Council continues teleconference meetings for a long time.

The City Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Martinez adopted Resolution No. 2022-29 Reauthorizing Remote Teleconference Public Meetings by the City Council and All Boards, Commissions, and Standing Committees of the City in Accordance with Assembly Bill 361. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montelongo and approved by the following vote:

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

5. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Military Equipment Use Policy.

Public comment:

Unidentified person said he is concerned about how costly this could be.

The City Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo waived the full reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2022-04 establishing a Military Equipment Use Policy. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

6. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Senior Code Enforcement Officer Position.

Public comment:

Kevin Carter said he supports hiring this position as full-time.

Karen Pearson offered the Chamber's support when the position is filled by making introductions with the community.

Unidentified person said it will be great to have someone to respond to inquiries and complaints.

The City Council by motion of Councilmember Hurtado adopted Resolution No. 2022-30 approving a new classification and setting a salary range for a full-time Senior Code Enforcement Officer position. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montelongo and approved by the following vote:

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

7. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Community Center Pool Resurfacing.

Public comment:

Unidentified person said the resurface is only guaranteed for 3 years and the last time a resurface was done was in 2008.

The City Council by motion of Councilmember Hurtado awarded a contract to San Juan Pools of Monterey, Inc. in the amount of \$90,000.00 to resurface the Community Center main pool. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: TABLED - Façade Improvement Program.

Public comment:

Karen Pearson said this program will be amazing for downtown.

Unidentified person said the program will just be a band-aid over real downtown issues.

The Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo tabled the item to a future meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hurtado and approved by the following vote:

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

2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element.

The City Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo adopted Resolution No. 2022-32 approving participation in the Fresno County Multijurisdictional Housing Element Update and Cost Sharing Arrangement, and adopted Resolution No. 2022-33 approving a budget amendment for \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hurtado and approved by the following vote:

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

3. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Water and Sewer Financial Analysis and Rate Study.

The City Council by motion of Councilmember Hurtado: 1) Awarded a Consultant Services Agreement for Water and Sewer Financial Analysis and Rate Study to IGService; and 2) Authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

4. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1.

The City Council by motion of Councilmember Hurtado: 1) Adopted Resolution No. 2022-34 accepting the Engineer's Report; 2) Adopted Resolution No. 2022-35 of intention to levy and collect assessments for the maintenance within the Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1; and 3) set the public hearing for June 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montelongo and approved by the following vote:

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

5. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 2.

The City Council by motion of Councilmember Hurtado: 1) Adopted Resolution No. 2022-36 accepting the Engineer's Report; 2) Adopted Resolution No. 2022-37 of intention to levy and collect assessments for the maintenance within the Sanger Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 2; and 3) set the public hearing for June 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montelongo and approved by the following vote:

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

I. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

1. COVID-19 Update – informational only.
City Manager Chapa provided a COVID-19 update.

2. City Manager Chapa recognized and commended the Police Department, Chief Garner, and staff detectives for the homicide arrests made within a week of homicides that occurred in December last year and another this year. He said there was concern expressed at the last meeting about a rise in crime. However, the Chief and the Police Department are aware of advancements in cases but may not be appropriate to comment.

3. City Manager Chapa announced that at last week's LAFCo meeting, the City's annexation request to annex 300 acres along Academy Avenue was approved. He said it was and continues to be a process. He commended Community Development Director David Brletic who picked up the project and ran with it. He said there were roadblocks but all requirements were met. He said this is a 40 plus year vision nearing completion.

J. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Consider acquiring a grant writer – Councilmember Hurtado.

Public comment:

Kevin Carter said the Council should discuss an additional staff member as a grant writer to dedicate someone to deal with grant writing.

Councilmember Hurtado said for the record, in her opinion CrisCom fell short and missed out on opportunities.

2. Consider placing an ad in the NFL Hall of Fame featuring Tom Flores – Mayor Ontiveros.

Mayor Ontiveros withdrew his request to discuss the item.


3. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez asked that Greenwood Avenue be checked out in response to Kevin Carter’s public comment.
4. Councilmember Hurtado asked that the following items be followed up on:
 - a. Overgrown landscape on the former Bank of Sierra property
 - b. Bus parked on N Street and Jensen Avenue
 - c. Air condition at Community Center
 - d. Installation of barrier or flashing indicator at the railroad crossing at 5th Street and Academy Avenue
 - e. Blight between Church and Academy Avenues to 9th Street and Academy Avenue near the railroad tracks
5. Councilmember Montelongo asked that the following items be followed up on:
 - a. Illegal dumping at 1310 Academy Avenue
 - b. Abandoned cars at 1421 Hoag Avenue
6. Councilmember Montelongo said he noticed the boxing equipment is old and asked that the Council consider purchasing a new boxing ring and equipment.
7. Mayor Ontiveros said the City should look into prohibiting pan-handling signs.

City Attorney Montoy said the Council would need to adopt an ordinance but anti pan-handling laws have been ruled unconstitutional.
8. Mayor Ontiveros said the weeds at the Bank of Sierra location are high and asked that Code Enforcement address the situation.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the Council adjourned their meeting at 8:46 PM.

ATTEST:



Rebeca P. Ramirez, City Clerk