



Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Sanger City Council

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023
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 6:00 PM.

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was offered by Pastor Jessica Guerra.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Frank Gonzalez.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

C. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

The Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo approved the agenda as posted. 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

D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

1. Fire Chief Greg Tarascou introduced newly appointed Firefighters Hayden Dolan, Bailey Houle, George Petersen, and Kyle Pinedo.
2. The Council recognized Maylene Barnard for her accomplishment in California State Champion for Skills USA in Criminal Justice.

E. PUBLIC FORUM

Geoff Lickey said an employee of DR Horton was murdered while on duty and the City keeps allowing them to make more homes.

Unidentified audience member said the lack of water pressure is causing problems. People can't take showers and restaurants are struggling. He said the City needs to make a plan on what we need to do when this happens and to inform the public with status on street lamps and water.

Unidentified resident he would like to speak with Council about getting a technology center in Sanger.

Unidentified audience member said people are speeding and there is not enough police enforcement. He said the Council needs to lower the speed limits and get more officers.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Martinez pulled Agenda Items F-8, F-10, F-12, F-16, and F-17, and approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings held on April 20, 2023, and the Regular Meeting held on May 4, 2023.
2. SUBJECT: REVIEWED - Warrants including Check Nos. 89091 through 89194.
3. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Payroll including Direct Deposit Nos. 59463 through 59800; Payroll Check Nos. 58913 through 58963; and Benefit Check Nos. 1880 through 1891.
4. SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Police Department Monthly Report.
5. SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Fire Department Monthly Report.
6. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 1.
The City Council:
 - 1) Approved Resolution No. 2023-17 accepting the Engineer's Report;
 - 2) Approved Resolution No. 2023-18 of intention to levy and collect assessments for maintenance; and
 - 3) Set the public hearing for July 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

7. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 2.
The City Council:
 - 1) Approved Resolution No. 2023-19 accepting the Engineer's Report;
 - 2) Approved Resolution No. 2023-20 of intention to levy and collect assessments for maintenance; and
 - 3) Set the public hearing for July 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

9. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Ordinance relating to Fireworks.
The City Council waived the full reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2023-04, an Ordinance amending Section 30-78 of Chapter IV Article 30 of the Sanger City Code relating to organizations authorized to sell fireworks.

11. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Side Letter Agreement between the City of Sanger and Sanger Middle Management Organization regarding Acting Pay.
The City Council approved the Side Letter Agreement regarding Acting Pay and authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

13. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Renewal of Contract for Fire Dispatch Services.
The City Council approved the contract for continuing fire dispatch services with the County of Fresno EMS Communications Center and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

14. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Participation in Fresno County's Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program.
The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-21 approving the City of Sanger's participation in Fresno County's Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program for Program Years 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27, and authorizing the City Manager to sign the Final Joint Powers Agreement for Housing and Community Development.

15. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Easement Acquisition – Jensen and Greenwood – Jensen Dental Office.
The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-22, which accepts the right-of-way dedication for pedestrian purposes along the 6th Street frontage of the proposed Jensen Dental office at the northwest corner of Jensen and Greenwood Avenues.

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

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

8. SUBJECT: Cancellation of the August 3, 2023 City Council Meeting.

Public comment:

Unidentified audience member said there are too many important things to do and the Council should not cancel the meeting.

After further discussion, the City Council by motion of Councilmember Hurtado voted not to cancel the regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Melendez and approved by the following vote:

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

10. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Pre-Zoning Amendment No. 2023-01 and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Somerset Residential Community Project.

Public comment:

Kevin Carter said the final one homes should only be done when it is ensured that the water is good.

After further discussion, the Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Martinez:

- 1) Waived full reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2023-05, adopting the Pre-Annexation Zoning by Approving Pre-Zoning Amendment No. 2023-01 to Pre-Zone Assessor's Parcel Nos. 332-090-17, 332-090-26, and 332-090-27 from the County's Ae-20 District to the City's R-1-6, RN-2.5, and RSD Districts; and
- 2) Adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration, as clarified, for the Somerset Residential Community Project generally located south of E. North Avenue, east of S. Bethel Avenue, and west of S. Greenwood Avenue (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 332-090-17, 332-090-26, and 332-090-27) (Somerset Residential Community Project).

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

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

12. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Authorization for Out of State Travel.

After further discussion, the Council by motion of Councilmember Hurtado authorized Out of State travel for City Manager Chapa to attend the ICMA Annual Conference in Austin, TX, September 29 – October 5, 2023. 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

16. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Road Repair and Accountability Act (SB 1) Project List.

After further discussion, the council by motion of Councilmember Hurtado adopted Resolution No. 2023-23 approving a project list for the 23/24 fiscal year capital improvement program as prescribed to satisfy the program objectives and statutory requirements of the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montelongo and approved by the following vote:

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

17. SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Measure S Renewal Beginning FY 2029.

After further discussion, the City Council reviewed a recommendation by the Citizen's Oversight Committee to renew Measure S special tax on the November 2024 General Election ballot at the same rate and remove the sunset clause.

G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Fiscal Year 21-22 Annual Report of Development Impact Fees (AB1600 Annual Report) and Five-Year Findings.

The Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo adopted Resolution No. 2023-24 adopting Annual Report on Development Impact Fees (AB 1600) for FY 21-22 and Making Findings regarding the continued need for certain Development Impact Fees. 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

2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Measure S Grant Reporting and Disbursement Guidelines.

The Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo approved a recommendation of the Citizen's Oversight Committee to amend the grant disbursement procedures from four times per year to two times per year. 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

H. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Tim Chapa announced the \$5 million funding to remodel or build a new dispatch center was approved and we should be receiving the check soon.

Public Works Director John Mulligan provided an update on the water wells.

I. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Pedestrian Crossing Improvements – Academy Avenue and 8th Street.

Public comment:

Unidentified audience member said this is a great place to put the crossing improvements.

The Council by motion of Councilmember Hurtado approved Resolution No. 2023-25 approving a budget amendment and appropriating \$85,000 from the funds set aside for City Council One-Time Programs for a project to install rectangular rapid flashing beacons to improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Academy Avenue and 8th Street. 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

2. SUBJECT: Discontinuance of Video Conferencing of Brown Act Meetings.

Public comment:

Unidentified audience member said people should attend in person if they have an issue or comment.

Unidentified audience member said there will be a time that they need to be home and may want to participate from home. He said remote meetings are good for unhealthy people.

Councilmember Hurtado made a motion to continue video conferencing of Brown Act Meetings via Zoom and implement live streaming meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Melendez and failed by the following vote:

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

The Council by motion of Mayor Gonzalez adopted a minute order to continue video conferencing of Brown Act Meetings of the City Council and City Boards and Commissions on a case by case basis, when items of significant importance appear on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez

1. Requested and received consensus to place a speed trailer on 5th Street and Bethel Avenue.

Councilmember Hurtado

1. Requested an update on previously requested items.
2. Requested a consensus for her and Councilmember Melendez to give a budget presentation for Districts 1 and 2 at the June 1 meeting. Consensus was not given.

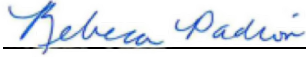
Mayor Gonzalez

1. Requested and received consensus to have the water update information sent tomorrow in both English and Spanish.
2. Requested and received consensus to have a designated phone line for water questions.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the Council adjourned their meeting at 9:00 PM.

ATTEST:



Rebeca Padron, City Clerk