



Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Sanger City Council

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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 6:00 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 Humberto Garza, Councilmember Esmeralda Hurtado (arrived at approximately 6:17 PM), Councilmember Michael Montelongo

Absent: None

C. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

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

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

D. PUBLIC FORUM

Raul Cantu advised the Council of an incident that occurred on August 29, 2021 involving the property located at 1603 Sanger Avenue. He said although there is a security fence around the property, Hayden Construction used it without permission to store equipment while on a construction project nearby. He said he filed a police report for trespassing and assault.

Lupita Padilla said she presented an incident to the Council not too long ago about a sewer line backup at 920 J Street. The incident caused the apartment to flood and ruined mattresses and clothes. She said the City should help to replace the damaged clothing and mattresses.

An unidentified person said he is still concerned with the minimizing of positions in the Police Department. He said he is also concerned that the Police and Fire Associations endorsed certain candidates. He suggested the Council initiate a program to have all questions presented during Public Forum answered in a timely manner.

Rita Flores said the City needs to put lights or flashing lights on North Avenue.

Councilmember Hurtado arrived at approximately 6:17 PM.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo removed Agenda Items E-5, E-6, and E-7, for further discussion and approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the Special and Regular meetings held on July 21, 2022, and August 4, 2022, and the Regular Meeting held on August 18, 2022.
2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Remote City Council Meetings under New Brown Act Requirements (AB 361).
The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-73 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.
3. SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Warrants including Check Nos. 87135 through 87504.
4. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Payroll including Direct Deposit Nos. 57470 through 57721; Payroll Check Nos. 58559 through 58629; and Benefit Check Nos. 1812 through 1819.
8. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Extension of COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Policy.
The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-74 to revise the City's Administrative Policy for COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave extending the Policy through December 31, 2022.

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

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

5. SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Police Department Monthly Report.

Councilmember Hurtado requested an update on the Downtown Business Watch.

Police Chief Greg Garner said the Chamber will be setting up the next meeting.

6. SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Fire Department Monthly Report.

Councilmember Hurtado asked if any of the fires listed in the report could have been prevented.

7. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Purchase of Four New Vehicles for the Public Works Department.

Councilmember Hurtado asked if the budget allowed for the purchase of only four vehicles.

City Manager Tim Chapa said two cars were in last year's budget and two are in this year's budget.

The City Council by motion of Councilmember Garza authorized the purchase of four (4) new 2023 Ford F-150 regular cab work trucks from National Auto Fleet Group in the amount not to exceed \$144,711.44. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montelongo and approved by the following vote:

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

F. PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council held a public hearing to discuss Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2022-02 to rezone APN 315-021-23 from the C-2 District to C-4 District for General Plan Consistency.

No public comment was offered.

The Council closed the public hearing.

The Council by motion of Councilmember Garza approved the CEQA finding of consistency; waived the full reading and introduced Ordinance No. 2022-08 amending the Official Zone Map by Rezoning Real Property from the C-2 (Community Commercial) District to the C-4 (General Commercial) District for APN 315-021-23, a parcel located on the north side of Jensen Avenue, west of N. Bethel Avenue containing approximately 3.5 acres. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

G. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Appointments to the Citizen’s Oversight Committee – Measure S.

Public comment:

Oswaldo Vera said one person should not be appointed to two positions.

Raul Cantu said approximately ten to fifteen years ago he was a member of the Planning Commission and a member of the Tree & Landscape Commission at the same time.

An unidentified person said he did not think it was a good idea to have one person sit on two commissions.

The Council by motion of Councilmember Hurtado reappointed Gina Mendoza and appointed Karen James to the Citizen’s Oversight Committee with a term expiration of June 30, 2024; temporarily appointed Al Alfaro and directed Staff to open a recruitment for one seat on the Planning Commission and one seat on the Citizen’s Oversight Committee and after recruitments are completed, Mr. Alfaro’s permanent appointment to either the Planning Commission or the Citizen’s Oversight Committee will be determined. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Deferment Agreement for Public Improvements – Site Plan Review No. 2021-03, APN 322-081-37.

Public comment:

Kevin Carter asked if Richard Avenue is extended eventually, will the Alvarado’s pay for half the street when future development comes into that area. City Manager Chapa confirmed the Alvarado’s will pay for half the street.

Al Alvarado and Maria De Lurdes Alvarado thanked the Council for approving the agreement. They thanked the Staff for their assistance and especially City Manager Chapa for his leadership.

The City Council by motion of Councilmember Montelongo approved the Agreement for Deferment of Certain Development Requirements under Site Plan Review No. 2021-03 with Alvaro Alvarado III and Maria De Lurdes Alvarado. The motion was seconded by

Councilmember Garza and approved by the following vote:

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

H. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

None.

I. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. SUBJECT: Employee Schedules and Teleworking.

The City Council engaged in discussion regarding employee schedules and teleworking.

Public comment:

Mia Geil said as a taxpayer and citizen of Sanger, she wants to see cars in parking lots and people in buildings and that teleworking is unnecessary.

Councilmember Hurtado made a motion to terminate employee teleworking. The motion was seconded by Mayor Ontiveros and failed by the following vote:

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

Councilmember Montelongo made a motion that Staff develop a policy to allow for teleworking only when an employee is home due to illness or other reason. The motion failed for lack of second.

Mayor Ontiveros made a motion to table the item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hurtado and approved by the following vote:

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

2. Councilmember Montelongo

- a. Requested an update on the basketball courts at Greenwood Park and the boxing club.

Public Works Director John Mulligan said he received the quote for the boxing club. The basketball hoops have not yet been ordered.

- b. Requested and received a consensus to direct Staff to assess the placement of signs/signals at Greenwood Avenue and 10th Street.
 - c. Requested and received a consensus to direct Staff to seek a second opinion and alternative to the traffic pucks on Cherry and Bethel Avenues.
 - d. Requested new trees be planted at Greenwood Park.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez
- a. Asked that broken sprinklers at Veteran's Park be repaired.
 - b. Stated he attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference last week. He stated he spoke with representatives of The Kosmont Company and they are really proud of their work in Sanger relating to the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District. He also spoke with various grant writing companies and said he sees a lot of value in some of the companies. He stated he would like to discuss again the options for grant writing services.
4. Councilmember Hurtado
- a. Requested an update on the trees at Sanger Park.
City Manager Chapa stated Staff can request an evaluation of the trees similar to what was done at Greenwood Park.
 - b. Requested an update on the cybersecurity assessment program.
City Manager Chapa stated an update will be provided when Administrative Services Director Patrick Chaffee returns.
 - c. Requested a presentation to Council by The CrisCom Company.
5. Mayor Ontiveros
- a. Requested and received a consensus to award a Proclamation to Family Worship Center for their 60th anniversary.
 - b. Requested and received a consensus to direct Staff to look into doing a water and sewer infrastructure audit.
 - c. Asked the Council to consider another look at the claim Ms. Padilla spoke about during Public Forum. City Attorney Hilda Cantu Montoy said it can be placed in closed session for reconsideration.
6. Councilmember Garza
- a. Requested the repair or replacement of broken equipment at JFK Park.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the Council adjourned their meeting at 7:52 PM.

ATTEST:



Rebeca P. Ramirez, City Clerk