



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SANGER CITY COUNCIL

July 6, 2017
6:00 P.M.
Council Chamber
1700 7th Street
Sanger, CA 93657

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Council called their meeting to order at [6:11:06 PM](#).

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was offered by Pastor DeLeon.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Frank Gonzalez.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Frank Gonzalez, Mayor Pro Tem Eli Ontiveros, Council Member Humberto Garza, Council Member Daniel Martinez

Absent: Council Member Melissa Hurtado

C. AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

The Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros deleted Agenda Items D1, G4, I1, and I4 and approved the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

AYES: GONZALEZ, ONTIVEROS, GARZA, MARTINEZ

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: HURTADO

D. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

1. Recognition of Raul Cantu Sr. - DELETED

E. PUBLIC FORUM

Pastor Gary Duran provided comment about the relationship between local churches and the City.

James Miser provided comment regarding the Measure S budget.

Dick Sheppard announced that Sanger resident Ava Fisher is having her 98th birthday today.

Kathryn Hatch provided comment about: 1) sidewalks on Jensen Avenue north of Greenwood; 2) the new high school that is to be built on Bethel Avenue and SR 180; and 3) the water pressure issue.

F. WORKSHOP/PRESENTATION

1. City Manager Tim Chapa, Interim Administrative Services Director Gary Watahira, Public Works Director John Mulligan, and City Engineer Josh Rogers presented the Fiscal Years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Administrative Proposed Budgets for their respective departments.

Public comment:

Jim Miser provided comment about the CalPERS discount rate and the utilities funds.

G. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council by motion of Council Member Garza removed Agenda Items G3 and G5 and approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings held on June 15, 2017.
2. SUBJECT: REVIEWED - Warrants including Check Nos. 72992 through 73216.
4. SUBJECT: DELETED- Award Contract for Measure S Compliance Audit.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

3. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Authorization for Out of State Travel.
After further discussion, the City Council by motion of Council Member Garza authorized Out of State travel for City Manager Chapa to attend the ICMA Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX, October 22 through October 25, 2017. The motion was seconded by Council Member Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

5. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Award Contract for the City of Sanger's Annual Financial Audit.

Public comment:

James Miser provided comment regarding the affect of the bond rating and the COC's review of an accounting firm.

After further discussion, the City Council by motion of Council Member Garza awarded the Annual Financial Audit to MUN CPAs and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros and approved by the following vote:

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

H. PUBLIC HEARING

1. SUBJECT: APPROVED – RESOLUTION NO. 2017-33 - Determination of Necessity of Continuing the Utility Users Tax.

The Council held a public hearing to discuss the necessity of continuing the Utility Users Tax.

Public comment:

Henry Provost asked when the utility users tax started and if it was meant to be a temporary tax.

The Council closed the public hearing.

The City Council by motion of Council Member Garza approved Resolution No. 2017-33 making a determination of the necessity of continuing the Utility Users Tax. The motion was seconded by Council Member Martinez and approved by the following vote:

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

I. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: DELETED - Appointments to the Citizen's Oversight Committee – Measure S.
2. SUBJECT: APPROVED - Veteran's Park Concept Design.

The City Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros approved the Veteran's Park Concept Design as presented by the Veteran's Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

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

3. SUBJECT: LOCC Annual Conference Voting Delegates.

The City Council by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros appointed Council Member Garza as the voting delegate, and Council Member Martinez and Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros as alternate voting delegates to represent the City at the League of California Cities Annual Conference 2017 General Assembly meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garza and approved by the following vote:

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

4. SUBJECT: DELETED - Early Retirement Incentive Program. DELETED

J. CITY MANAGER/STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Chapa announced that registration for the League of California Cities Annual Conference is open. He encouraged the Council Members to notify staff as soon as possible if they will be attending so travel arrangements can be made before the hotel is full.

K. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Garza had nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros asked for an update on the RFQ for grant services.

City Manager Chapa indicated that the RFP will be distributed as soon as Director Watahira is ready and available. His focus has been on the budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros reported that he attended the COG meeting where members voted on transportation funding allotments for cities and renewal of the taxi script funding. He said cities that participated in the installation of solar charging stations were presented with a plaque.

Council Member Martinez asked for an update on the construction of the traffic light at Bethel and Church and if it would be completed before school begins.

City Engineer Josh Rogers said the construction will likely not be complete before school begins.

Council Member Martinez commended City and Chamber staff for the 4th of July event. He said he also attended the 4th of July parade at Jenni Park and thanked Mary Tieche for organizing the event.

City Attorney Montoy announced a correction to information relayed earlier in the meeting about when the Utility Users Tax began. She said the Utility Users Tax effective date is September 1, 1983.

Mayor Pro Tem Ontiveros asked the City Attorney to research if it is legal to set aside general fund dollars for beautification of downtown.

Mayor Gonzalez reported that he attended the League conference and it was very informative.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business the Council adjourned their meeting at [8:43:52 PM](#).