

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Council Chambers
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin, Vice Mayor Antonio Lopez, and Councilmembers Jaime Soto (arrived at 6:07 p.m.), Joel Fajardo, and Robert C. Gonzales

Staff: City Manager Alexander P. Meyerhoff, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Finance Director Nick Kimball

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Fajardo requested to delete Item No. 10 and to add a walk-on item.

City Attorney Olivarez explained that the walk-on item is to consider appointment of a Planning and Preservation Commissioner which was brought to staff's attention after the agenda was posted. Councilmember Fajardo's representative resigned and there is a need for City Council to take action because there are important votes that the Planning and Preservation Commission will need to take at their meeting tomorrow.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez, to approve the agenda with the two specified changes. By consensus, the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

a) INTRODUCTION OF THREE NEW POLICE OFFICERS

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ADDED WALK-ON ITEM

Councilmember Fajardo reported that his appointed Planning and Preservation Commissioner Kevin Beaulieu recently resigned and he provided additional background information regarding his request to appoint Aida Montes.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to appoint Aida Montes to the Planning and Preservation Commission as his representative. By consensus, the motion carried.

DECORUM AND ORDER

City Attorney Olivarez provided a brief summary of the rules.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Marisol Diaz talked about the upcoming food drive at the City parks and invited everyone to a diabetes expo on November 18.

Dee Akemon said the homeless problem is becoming worse and asked for an update as to what the City is doing about the issue (Police Chief Anthony Vairo gave a brief update).

City Clerk Chávez read an email from resident Julie Cuellar who again expressed her concern regarding speeding issues in the City and reported that her son was injured by a hit and run speeding driver near her home.

CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Gonzales gave updates regarding the Library Commission, Independent Cities, and Metro Service Council activities.

Councilmember Fajardo gave updates regarding the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments.

Vice Mayor Lopez gave updates regarding the weekly meetings of the Ad Hoc on cannabis committee and he reported they've made a lot of progress.

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Meyerhoff asked to pull Item No. 4 for further discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items:

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- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF:
 - a) APRIL 3, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING
 - b) OCTOBER 16, 2017 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - c) OCTOBER 16, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT WITH LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE LABOR NEGOTIATOR SERVICES
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE ANNUAL RESURFACING PROJECT, CIP NO. 0560, PLAN NO. P-725
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY MANAGER TO THE CITY’S VACANT POSITION ON THE OVERSIGHT BOARD TO THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE SAN FERNANDO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

By consensus, the motion carried

Items Pulled for Further Discussion

- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY PERSONNEL RULES TO INCLUDE CHANGES TO THE VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE POLICY

City Manager Meyerhoff gave background information and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 7824 amending Section 9, Rule VI of the City Personnel Rules to include changes to the existing veterans’ employment preference policy; and
- b. Authorize the City Manager to implement the new policy, and make non-substantive edits as necessary.

By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE USE OF CITY LETTERHEAD FOR A LETTER INVITING LOCAL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS TO A BRUNCH EVENT IN JANUARY 2018

Education Commissioner David Govea made a brief presentation.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to allow the Education Commission to use City letterhead for a letter inviting local school principals to a brunch event in January 2018. By consensus, the motion carried.

- 8) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE USE OF CITY LETTERHEAD FOR A THANK YOU LETTER TO SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN

A brief discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo, to allow Mayor Ballin to use City letterhead for the purpose of sending a thank you letter to Senator John McCain. By consensus, the motion carried.

- 9) CONSIDERATION OF THE SAN FERNANDO BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

A brief discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo, to:

- a. Approve use of the City Seal for the San Fernando Beautification Project event promotional print material pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 6904; and
- b. Authorize staff time to help organize the event.

By consensus, the motion carried.

- 10) CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT ALTERNATE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Item removed under Approval of Agenda.

DEPARTMENT HEADS - COMMISSION UPDATES

Personnel Manager Michael Okafor reported that the County of Los Angeles is providing Hepatitis A vaccinations; he also gave updates regarding various recruitment positions and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

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Both Recreation Supervisor Maribel Perez and Cultural Arts Supervisor Virginia Diediker gave updates regarding upcoming events in the Recreation and Community Services Department.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Gonzales thanked staff for their hard work and for the successful 5K Run Event.

Councilmember Fajardo said he's excited that the City is hiring new Department Heads and it's uplifting to see we're going in the right direction. He is very supportive of the veteran's measure approved today and said that he's glad to be back from his European vacation.

Vice Mayor Lopez said he was glad to see Police Officer new hires.

Mayor Ballin thanked Recreation and Community Services employees Maribel Perez and Virginia Diediker for their wonderful work and the events they've put together in the community.

Councilmember Soto also thanked Recreation and Community Services employees for their work, City staff and the City Manager for everything they're doing.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Meyerhoff gave updates regarding various meetings and activities that he has participated with staff and several organizations.

ADJOURNMENT (7:23 P.M.)

Councilmember Soto requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of resident George Walter. Councilmember Fajardo also asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of the victims that were killed in the Texas church shooting.

Motion by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to adjourn the meeting in memory of those requested. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of November 6, 2017, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk*