

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**JUNE 15, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Joel Fajardo called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, and Councilmembers Robert C. Gonzales, Antonio Lopez, and Jaime Soto

Staff: City Manager Brian Saeki, City Attorney Rick R. Olivarez, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

Absent: Vice Mayor Sylvia Ballin (notified staff that she would not be able to attend due to her grandson's graduation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Police Explorer Shae Perez

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

The following presentation was made:

- a) FIRST ANNUAL CÉSAR CHÁVEZ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RECIPIENT – ROBERT LOPEZ JR.

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**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

John Blue talked about companies that have reduced their overhead by flying people in from other countries.

John Arroyo stated that people are parking at curbs in front of some fire hydrants because they are not painted red.

Ricardo Torres, Smokefree Air For Everyone (SAFE), talked about his concerns regarding the problem of drifting tobacco smoke in apartments and condominiums.

Esther Schiller, SAFE Executive Director, also talked about the effects of drifting tobacco smoke.

Mary Mendoza thanked Councilmembers Soto, Ballin, and Fajardo for supporting their efforts against the proposed High-Speed Rail. She also said that the new Harding Ave. apartments should not have been approved because they will have a negative impact on the sewer system and parking situation.

Louis Lopez spoke about an education summit workshop to be held by Assemblymember Patty Lopez' office.

Cindy Montanez talked about the recent High-Speed Rail Authority meeting in Los Angeles, was pleased that the City of San Fernando provided a presence, and she encouraged follow up with the Governor's office.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
  - a. APRIL 6, 2015 – SPECIAL MEETING
  - b. MAY 4, 2015 – SPECIAL (JOINT) MEETING
  - c. MAY 4, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING
  - d. JUNE 1, 2015 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-062 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1642 UPDATING THE CITY CODE, ARTICLE III, STORMWATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION CONTROL

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- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION AND COST SHARING FOR IMPLEMENTING THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL AND GREATER HARBORS TOXIC TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (HARBOR TOXICS TMDL) REQUIRED MONITORING
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE SALARY PLAN AND TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015- 2016
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015-2016 ARTICLE XIII B APPROPRIATIONS (GANN) LIMIT
- 7) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SAN FERNANDO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION
- 8) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE HEALTHY SAN FERNANDO! 2015 CAMPAIGN
- 9) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2015 WORLD GAMES FINAL LEG TORCH RUN
- 10) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL OUTREACH
- 11) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SAN FERNANDO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER'S PROPOSAL FOR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER LOOK-ALIKE STATUS
- 12) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AN EMERGENCY POLICE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT
- 13) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GREEN STREETS POLICY

By consensus, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 14) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2015-2016 CITY BUDGET

Finance Director Nick Kimball gave the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Fajardo opened the Public Hearing and called for public testimony.

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John Blue believes that the City should make people aware when there are issues with subcontractors.

Tom Ross, Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Mall Association, talked about spearheading new events in town and on ways to promote the City.

Michael Remenih said he's lived in the City for 40 years and has never experienced sewer issues and said there are other things that we need to take care of before we rip up our sewer system.

John Arroyo talked about bad odors emitting from sewer drains.

Mrs. Lopez said that a major issue (experienced by some of the businesses) is gnats coming from sewer lines and asked what part of the budget will address this problem.

There being no further comments, Mayor Fajardo closed the public comment portion of the Hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to adopt Resolution No. 7679 approving the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 City Budget. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Gonzales, Lopez, Fajardo – 3  
NOES: Soto – 1  
ABSENT: Ballin – 1

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**15) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS**

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello presented the staff report and replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

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

- a. Approve the proposed amendment to the City's Solid Waste Franchise Agreement (Contract No. 1731(a)) with Republic Services in order to address service provisions for bulky item collection, billing cycle modifications, annual rate adjustments, and enhanced bus stop trash collection services; and
- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment to the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Gonzales, Lopez, Soto – 3

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NOES: Fajardo – 1  
ABSENT: Ballin – 1

**16) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

Community Development Director Fred Ramirez gave the staff report. Jessie Ibarra, Neighborhood Housing Services of L.A. County, also spoke and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

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

- a. Approve a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 1790) between the City of San Fernando and Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County to provide the community with access to financial education, affordable mortgage lending, and construction services and management for its “Don’t Move-Improve! Program” in order to promote homeownership and the preservation of the City’s residential neighborhoods; and
- b. Authorize the City Manager and the City Attorney to take all actions necessary to execute and implement City Contract No. 1790.

By consensus, the motion carried.

**17) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY ARBORIST**

At the request of Councilmember Soto, this item was tabled.

**18) PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM**

Councilmember Soto gave a presentation regarding the City’s sewer system and demanded an immediate moratorium on new development.

Discussion ensued and staff was directed to report back, as soon as possible, with additional information so that the City Council can determine how to proceed on this issue.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION LIAISON UPDATES**

Mayor Fajardo congratulated Councilmember Gonzales for being elected as Treasurer to the Independent Cities Association.

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**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Soto said he will continue fighting for a moratorium on new development and keep the City out of the hands of special interests.

Mayor Fajardo thanked community members for collecting signatures in opposition of the proposed High-Speed Rail Project. He congratulated Deputy City Clerk Miriam Gutierrez on receiving her Bachelor of Arts Degree (Cal State University, Bakersfield) and said she is a role model to the community.

**ADJOURNMENT (7:43 P.M.)**

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Mayor Fajardo, to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the meeting was adjourned.

*I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of June 15, 2015 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Elena G. Chávez*  
*City Clerk*