

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**AUGUST 1, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Robert C. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Robert C. Gonzales, Vice Mayor Joel Fajardo, and Councilmembers Antonio Lopez (arrived at 6:13 p.m.), Jaime Soto, Sylvia Ballin

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by San Fernando Police Explorer Yvonne Gonzalez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Vice Mayor Fajardo, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentation was made:

b) TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS – Recognition of Beatrice McGarry

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Irwin Rosenberg, secretary to the Police Officers' Association, said that items mentioned in Councilmember Soto's newsletter were perceived as offensive and he asked Councilmember Soto to stop the divisiveness.

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Renato Kahn, property owner, talked about his renters owing trash collection fees for several years and said it's unfair that he was recently notified by the City.

Liana Stepanyan, San Fernando Library Manager, invited everyone to the upcoming library event.

Dee Akemom suggested replacing the damaged City Council chairs, talked about the homeless issue, and said the City needs to keep the red curb at the Valley Vista Charter School.

MaryLey Carrillo (in reference to agenda Item No. 7) said she is a big supporter of public art and is excited about bringing it into the City to help with beautification efforts.

Paul Larson thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for picking up litter near the swimming pool and said that the traffic sensor at Fourth St. and Brand Blvd. appears not to be working.

Christine Douglass said that the Museum of the San Fernando Valley is donating amazing pieces by Shahin Atigheh who wanted her artwork to be in a public arena.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
 - a) JUNE 6, 2016 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - b) JUNE 29, 2016 – ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
 - c) JULY 18, 2016 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY'S LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING THE CITY'S 2016 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION TITLE VI PLAN
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE BIKE DONATIONS FROM THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SAN FERNANDO

By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6) WEST LOS ANGELES VETERANS AFFAIRS (WEST LA VA) LETTER OF SUPPORT

Anthony Allman, West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Director of Outreach, made a presentation and replied to various questions from Councilmembers. He stated that his goal is to engage 88 cities in support of the draft master plan that was adopted by 3,000 veterans to help maximize the housing. A letter from the City would express support of the plan and legislation (required to begin construction of the housing).

Discussion ensued and although Councilmembers expressed support for housing for veterans, had questions regarding the sample support letter attached to the staff report.

By consensus an Ad Hoc Committee was formed (Mayor Gonzales and Vice Mayor Fajardo) to work together and bring this item back to the City Council.

7) ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED PUBLIC ARTWORK

Mayor Gonzales asked that both Maryley Carrillo and Christine Douglass give background information regarding this item.

Councilmember had various comments and concerns such as:

- Where will the artwork be displayed?
- Does the policy regarding City donations apply to this?
- What is the cost of the artwork?
- What is the budget impact (i.e., shipping, installation, and maintenance) and who's incurring?
- How will the artwork be protected from vandalism and weather elements?
- Involve the Cultural Arts sub-committee regarding this item.

Motion by Mayor Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to accept the artwork with a condition that this be vetted by the Cultural Arts sub-committee and that staff report back with the full budget impact and the breakdown of costs. By consensus, the motion carried.

8) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2ND ANNUAL SAN FERNANDO CHILE FESTIVAL

Recreation and Community Services Director Ismael Aguila, along with San Fernando Mall Association members Vanessa Ceballos and Julie Cardoso, presented the staff report and replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

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

- a. Approve City co-sponsorship of the 2nd Annual San Fernando Chile Festival (Chile Festival) with the San Fernando Mall Association;

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- b. Approve the use of the City Seal on Chile Festival print material;
- c. Approve waiving special event fees for implementation of the Chile Festival; and
- d. Adopt Resolution No. 7758 to increase expenditures of FY 2016-2017 Fund 001 budget by \$10,350 to fund staffing costs for the Chile Festival in October of 2016.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES:	Gonzales, Fajardo, Ballin, Lopez – 4
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	Soto – 1

CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES

Mayor Gonzales gave an update regarding the Library Commission meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEADS - COMMISSION UPDATES

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello gave an update regarding the Transportation and Safety Commission.

City Clerk Chávez reported that Education Commission met last week and they discussed their goals and objectives and how they plan to use ICFA funds donated by Councilmember Ballin.

Recreation and Community Services Director Ismael Aguila reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission will be meeting next Tuesday.

Community Development Director Fred Ramirez gave information regarding the Planning and Preservation Commission and the items up for discussion.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lopez thanked staff and is looking forward to tomorrow's National Night Out event.

Councilmember Ballin talked about her concerns regarding the homeless and heat issues.

Councilmember Soto thanked Assemblywoman Patty Lopez for a presentation made at El Cariso Park and said that he visited the Mexican Consulate (we may be able to showcase classic Spanish movies for the City's movie nights). In reference to comments made earlier by Officer Rosenberg, he said it was inappropriate and unprofessional and a threat of public safety, and that the Police Officer needs to fact check and the Police Chief needs to do his job.

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City Manager Saeki requested that if any Councilmember has problems with his staff, to direct comments to him. He said that Chief Vairo has been with the City for 35 years, has done a fantastic job and is an honorable man.

Mayor Gonzales thanked staff for everything they do; they all have his support.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Recreation and Community Services Director Ismael Aguila talked about the upcoming hip-hop jam session, movie night, and day camp activities.

Police Chief Tony Vairo offered to meet with Councilmember Soto one-on-one (this public forum is not a place to discuss his subordinates). He invited all to National Night Out tomorrow and talked about the recent events against police officers and said he hopes that everyone continues to support law enforcement throughout the country.

ADJOURNMENT 7:31 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of August 1, 2016, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk