

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 6, 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 Jaime Soto, Antonio Lopez, and Sylvia Ballin (via teleconference)

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by San Fernando Police Explorer Daniel Ochoa

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

The following presentation was made:

b) TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS – Recognition of Negrete family

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Michael Remenih complained about Councilmember Soto.

Julian Reyes gave an update regarding Republic Services.

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Dee Akemon invited Councilmembers to walk her neighborhood to so they could understand the importance of the red curbing at the school.

Michelle Guijarro talked about comments made by past public speakers and said she doesn't want Councilmember Soto's supporters near her during the Council meetings.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ON-CALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MORRISON MANAGEMENT SPECIALISTS FOR MEAL SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY PARKING RATIOS FOR DENTAL AND MEDICAL CLINICS CITYWIDE

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES:	Lopez, Soto, Ballin, Fajardo, Gonzales – 5
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

*At this time, Councilmember Ballin reported that she had to attend another meeting and would be logging off.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 6) PRESENTATION REGARDING THE PRESENCE OF THE INVASIVE AEDES AEGYPTI (YELLOW FEVER MOSQUITO)

Wesley Collins, Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District, gave a presentation and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

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Staff will assist with disseminating the information by placing the pamphlets at City parks and digital versions on social media (i.e., Facebook, City website, informational blast). Staff will also do outreach to local schools and include bilingual information in the water bills.

No formal action was taken.

7) **PRESENTATION BY BLUE GREEN ALLIANCE REGARDING GAS LEAK SIGN ON LETTER TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Jorge Rodriguez, JHR Consulting Group, gave a presentation and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmembers said they need to review the information provided as well do additional research and it was suggested to bring this back at the next meeting.

No formal action was taken.

8) **CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE THE CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL GRANT TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S MARIACHI MASTER APPRENTICE PROGRAM**

Recreation and Community Services Director Ismael Aguila gave the staff presentation.

Motion by Vice Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to:

- a. Accept the California Arts Council Grant to support the City's Mariachi Master Apprentice Program (MMAP);
- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Grant Agreement (Contract No. 1836) in order to receive the funding in the amount of \$10,200 to support the City's MMAP through June 30, 2017; and
- c. Adopt Resolution No. 7760 to increase the revenue and expenditures of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (Fund 108) by \$10,200.

*Councilmember Soto stepped away during the presentation of this item.*

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Fajardo, Lopez, Gonzales – 3

NOES: None

ABSENT: Soto, Ballin – 2

9) **PRESENTATION OF MEASURE "A" ANNUAL REPORT**

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

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By consensus, the 2016 Annual Report on the collection, management, and expenditure of Measure “A”, was received and filed.

**CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilmember Lopez provided updates regarding events pertaining to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the projects they’re working on, including an upcoming California housing summit.

Vice Mayor Fajardo provided updates regarding events held by the League of California Cities, Valley Economic Alliance, VICA, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Gonzales talked about the Library Commission and the Valley Economic Alliance and stated that he received great feedback regarding the City’s website.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS - COMMISSION UPDATES**

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

Community Development Director Fred Ramirez provided information regarding upcoming agenda items for the Planning and Preservation Commission.

Recreation and Community Services Director Ismael Aguila reported that the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission will meet next Tuesday and will discuss items such as the artwork donated to the City, Parks Master Plan, 5K Relay, and holiday tree event.

City Clerk Chávez reported that the Education Commission met last week and they discussed their priorities for the fiscal year.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Soto talked about the budget and hopes that the Police Department motorbike program will open up, said last week’s parks movie event was successful, held a coffee meeting at his home and received good feedback from community members, thanked staff and said let’s continue to move forward.

Councilmember Lopez talked about development and vacancies and believes there should be further discussion regarding this topic.

Vice Mayor Fajardo agreed with Councilmember Lopez, reminded everyone about the upcoming Indigenous People’s Day, said there’s renewed interest about having Council meetings recorded, and he talked about the housing issue and how Councilmembers have voted.

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Mayor Gonzales talked about a library event he attended, invited Councilmembers to sign up for an upcoming Independent Cities Association luncheon. He also reminded everyone to register for the 5K Relay, talked about the ribbon cutting event for Throwback Junction, and asked if a traffic study could be done at Mountain View and Maclay Ave.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

City Manager Saeki reported that staff plans to bring back a study session on economic development and he's also looking into recording the City Council meetings (he's been in touch with a local film company regarding pricing, etc.).

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Marcarello reported that staff met with SCAG and California State University, Northridge to explore partnerships to help create and improve the City's GIS system.

Community Development Director Ramirez gave updates regarding various development projects going on in the City.

**ADJOURNMENT (8:09 P.M.)**

Motion by Vice Mayor Fajardo, 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 September 6, 2016, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Elena G. Chávez*  
*City Clerk*