

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 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 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 and Antonio Lopez

Staff: Interim City Manager Nick Kimball, City Attorney Rick Olivarez, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

Absent: Councilmember Sylvia Ballin (notified staff that she was ill and would not be able to attend the meeting)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Police Chief Anthony Vairo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Interim City Manager Kimball reported that Item No. 7 would be removed from the agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to approve the agenda as amended. By consensus, the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentation was made:

- a) TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS – JAVIER FAJARDO
- b) CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION – LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES
- c) MAYOR’S BOOK DRIVE KICK-OFF

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Paul Larson suggested that the faded neighborhood watch signs be replaced, recommended better lighting near the park's exercise equipment and bike path, and he asked for an update regarding the JC Penney building.

Adam Mejia gave information regarding free workout and nutrition programs offered by Cal State, Northridge, and invited all to participate.

David Bernal wished everyone luck on the election, inquired about legislation pertaining to candidate residency requirements, and talked about last year's beer fest and suggested looking into allowing similar events to take place at City parks as a way to generate revenue.

Liana Stepanyan, San Fernando Library Manager, thanked Mayor Gonzales for inviting them to participate in the book drive event and she talked about their upcoming events and services available to the community.

Salvador Ramirez reported that he is the new municipal representative for Republic Services, thanked Councilmembers for their partnership, and he looks forward to working with all of them.

Laura Santos, Professional Organic Solutions, talked about the services they provide regarding the medical cannabis industry (including education and bilingual outreach) and their team of professionals available to assist the City.

Robert Ortega suggested that "no skating" signs be placed throughout the City because the skate boarders are unsafe and not paying attention and he feels that something must be done.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL STATE PROJECT NO. SR2SL-5202(015) CYCLE 7
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR ANNUAL STREET RESURFACING PROJECT FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016, JOB NO. 7592, PLAN NO. P-718
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS AWARDED BY THE MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLLUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE (MSRC) FOR THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS PROJECT

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- 5) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS AND THE CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL FOR FUNDING SUPPORT OF THE MARIACHI MASTER APPRENTICE PROGRAM

By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 6) PRESENTATION NO. 2 - UPDATE REGARDING COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ALTERNATIVES

David McPherson, cannabis compliance director with HdL Companies, made a presentation regarding medical and non-medical commercial cannabis alternatives. He reported that they represent 400 cities and counties in California (50 clients regarding marijuana management) and he replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued amongst Council, staff, and Mr. McPherson. Dialogue included associated application processes to facilitate medical and/or non-medical commercial cannabis activities, selecting and securing a consultant to undertake certain activities, necessary follow-up items, and forming an Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion by Mayor Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to go out for a RFQ and form an Ad Hoc consisting of Councilmembers Lopez and Ballin. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

- 7) DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMISSIONER STIPEND

This item was removed under Approval of Agenda.

CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES

Mayor Gonzales said he had an opportunity to host a conference regarding public safety for the Independent Cities Association (ICA) and said that the Library Commission will be meeting soon.

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DEPARTMENT HEADS - COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Chávez gave an update regarding the upcoming election and reported that the Education Commission met last week and that the City's Second Annual Scholarship Program is now underway.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lopez thanked Mayor Gonzales for doing a great job with representing the City at the ICA conference and reported that it was a very informative event.

Vice Mayor Fajardo said that Eighth Street park cleanup event went well, reported that during these last rainy days, Vista Del Valle school used the San Fernando side as the main drop off and did not notify the City, and said he's interested in feedback from community members regarding improving relationships with undocumented immigrants.

Mayor Gonzales thanked all who participated in the library event and reminded everyone that February was the Mayor's book drive month.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT (9:55 p.m.)

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Mayor Gonzales, 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 February 6, 2017, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk*