

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**MAY 16, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Joel Fajardo called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present:

Council: Vice Mayor Joel Fajardo, and Councilmembers Antonio Lopez (arrived at 6:03 p.m.), Jaime Soto, Sylvia Ballin

Staff: City Manager Brian Saeki, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

Absent: Mayor Robert C. Gonzales (notified staff that he was unable to attend the meeting)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by San Fernando Police Explorer Shae Perez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Mayor Fajardo reported that Item No.s 7 and 13 were removed from the agenda.

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

PRESENTATION

The following presentations were made:

- a) **TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS**
This presentation was postponed to the next meeting.

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- b) NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY
- c) SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MOBILITY ACADEMY UPDATE
- d) CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – CHILDREN’S LIBRARIAN LIANA STEPANYAN

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

City Clerk Chávez read a letter from Audrey Simons, San Fernando Community Health Center CEO, requesting that the City Council approve Item No. 10 on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Soto pulled Item No. 3 for further discussion.

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2016 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-052 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1654 AMENDING CHAPTER 22 (BUSINESSES) AND CHAPTER 106 (ZONING) TO EXPRESSLY PROHIBIT MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES, MEDICAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION, CITY-BASED MEDICAL CANNABIS DELIVERY OPERATIONS, AND ALL COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITIES IN ALL AREAS OF THE CITY, EXCLUDING MEDICAL CANNABIS DELIVERY ACTIVITIES ORIGINATING FROM LEGAL DISPENSARIES OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 7734 TO APPROPRIATE THE 2014 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT PROGRAM
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD CONTRACT NO. 1827 FOR ANNUAL STREET RESURFACING PROJECT FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016, JOB NO. 7592, PLAN NO. P-718
- 7) FACILITY FEE WAIVER POLICY UPDATE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

Item removed under Approval of Agenda.

- 8) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 7733 AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF

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RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY (CALRECYCLE) PAYMENT PROGRAMS AND RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS

By consensus, the motion carried.

The following item was moved up by Vice Mayor Fajardo.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 11) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 7732 SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL FOR THE LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO VOTE TO PLACE A MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 BALLOT TO GENERATE ADDITIONAL REVENUES FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Community Development Director Fred Ramirez presented the staff report. He and John Lee, LA Metro, replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

City Manager Saeki reported that this item would be brought back (at a future meeting) to address Council's concerns. No formal action was taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

Items Pulled for Further Discussion

- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO COLLECT DELINQUENT RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FEES ON THE ANNUAL TAX ROLL PURSUANT TO HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTIONS 5473 AND 5473A

Councilmember Soto said he would like to see more options and flexibility for residents that may be having financial difficulties.

Rafael Garcia, Republic Services Municipal Relationship Manager, reviewed each step of the process and replied to questions from Councilmembers. He reported that over 800 residents have not paid (Republic is still picking up their trash), and that most large debts will be written off (they're only going back six months) and not back to 2014 inception.

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers and staff.

In response to questions, Assistant City Attorney Padilla reported that this is a second reading of ordinance, it could be passed with the current verbiage, and (if Council chooses) direction could be given to staff and Republic to work out some sort of payment plan with residents (a separate/internal policy).

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Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to waive full reading of Ordinance No. 1655, and adopt by title only, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California Amending Chapter 70 (Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection Services) of the San Fernando Municipal Code.”

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES:	Lopez, Ballin, Fajardo – 3
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Gonzales – 1
ABSTAIN:	Soto – 1

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

The following item was moved up by Vice Mayor Fajardo.

12) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL MANUAL

Vice Mayor Fajardo stated it would be beneficial to clarify the role of the Presiding Officer, his/her prerogative to determine how the meetings flow, the right to limit speaking times/questions as needed per Councilmember and per agenda item (as long as each is given the opportunity to speak at least once).

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers.

Discussion item only; no formal action was taken.

9) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello gave the staff report. Both he and Pep Valdes, Executive Vice President at Parking Company of America, replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve the terms and award a five-year agreement (Contract No. 1823) with Parking Company of America through June 30, 2021 to provide public transportation services in the City. By consensus, the motion carried.

10) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SAN FERNANDO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER’S SATELLITE MEDICAL FACILITY IN MISSION HILLS

Community Development Director Ramirez gave the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

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Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to authorize the Mayor to execute a letter for support for San Fernando Community Health Center's proposed satellite medical facility to provide medical services to homeless patients housed at the new Valley Recuperative Care Center in neighboring community of Mission Hills. By consensus, the motion carried.

13) REPORT FROM AD HOC MEMBERS REGARDING CITY COMMISSIONS, STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Item removed under Approval of Agenda.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Ballin announced that she was nominated president of the Independent Cities Finance Authority and reported that there was a recent meeting at the Metropolitan Water District (has a copy of the meeting summary if anyone was interested in reading it).

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Ballin asked about the dates listed on the budget calendar schedule and on the City newsletter.

In reference to Item No. 12, Councilmember Soto said he doesn't agree with limiting Councilmembers' comments. As far as Item No. 3, he believes that it's not too much to offer residents some kind of payment plan before their debts go to collections.

Councilmember Lopez disagreed and said there is a lot of money that is not being collected and it's negatively impacting the City.

Vice Mayor Fajardo reported that the LGBT event was a success and he thanked staff for helping out.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Saeki reported that on May 21st, San Fernando Middle school will have a car show to help raise money for the school and Tacos Way will have a grand opening.

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Marcarello reminded everyone about the upcoming tree planting event that will coincide with Arbor Day.

Community Development Director Ramirez reported that there will be a dog and cat vaccination clinic event on May 21st as well.

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In response to Councilmember Ballin’s earlier comment, Finance Director Nick Kimball reported that the April citywide newsletter did include budget dates that were bumped up.

Recreation and Community Service Director Ismael Aguila thanked everyone involved with the cleanup of the César Chávez Memorial and the bikeway path.

City Clerk Chávez reported that the Education Commission will be holding their First Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on May 24th.

ADJOURNMENT (8:18 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 May 16, 2016, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk