

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**APRIL 3, 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 6:04 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Robert C. Gonzales, Vice Mayor Joel Fajardo, and Councilmembers Sylvia Ballin (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), and Antonio Lopez

Staff: Interim City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

Absent: Councilmember Jaime Soto (notified staff that he was under the weather and could not make the meeting)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Police Chief Anthony Vairo

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

The following presentations were made:

- a) TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS
- b) CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – EDUCATION COMMISSIONER YVONNE G. MEJIA
- c) CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – SAN FERNANDO HIGH SCHOOL DIY GIRLS
- d) DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH – APRIL 2017

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**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Toni Joseph talked about an incident she reported regarding an abandoned tire left on her property.

Fred Partovi asked for an update on the moratorium prohibiting new accessory dwelling units (Interim City Manager Kimball will speak with Mr. Partovi).

Cami Stein, realtor for Mr. Partovi and two other developers, expressed frustration that due to the moratorium, her clients cannot develop yet have invested close to 3/4 million dollars in the City.

Michelle Guijarro thanked the veterans and congratulated Mayor Gonzales and Vice Mayor Fajardo for their work this past year.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH NEIGHBORHOOD JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAM FOR OFFICE SPACE AT RECREATION PARK
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT TO THE EXISTING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SAN FERNANDO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE

By consensus, the motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016-2017 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT AND LABOR NEGOTIATOR SERVICES

Interim City Manager Kimball gave a brief staff report.

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Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to adopt Resolution No. 7788 amending the FY 2016-2017 Budget to appropriate funds for Executive Recruitment (\$25,000) and Labor Negotiator (\$20,000) services. By consensus, the motion carried.

6) CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT REGARDING AB466 – LOS ANGELES RIVER TRIBUTARIES AND WATERSHED WORKING GROUP

Mayor Gonzales made a brief presentation and Interim City Manager Kimball reported that staff would be making a few clarity edits on the final version of the letter.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve the letter of support with staff's final edits. By consensus, the motion carried.

7) APPOINTMENT TO THE EDUCATION COMMISSION

Councilmember Lopez made a motion to appoint David Govea as his representative to the Education Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ballin and was approved by consensus.

8) CONSIDERATION OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL LGBTQ CONFERENCE – SCOPE OF WORK, DIRECTION AND RESOLUTION

Vice Mayor Fajardo made a brief presentation and discussion ensued regarding the defined scope of work and concern regarding staff's assistance and the very limited resources.

Motion by Vice Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to approve with an amendment to the resolution stating that staff time not exceed 27.5 hours and to delete the section that states "*with an additional five hours upon city Manager's approval*". By consensus, the motion carried.

9) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE MARCH 7, 2017 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND CONFIRMATION/FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND OTHER PROVISIONS TO REFLECT THE CONVERSION OF THE ELECTIVE OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER TO AN APPOINTIVE OFFICE AS AUTHORIZED BY THE VOTERS OF THE CITY

City Clerk Chávez presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to adopt Resolution No. 7787 declaring the results of the March 7, 2017 General Municipal Election. By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to confirm and ratify adoption of Ordinance No. 1663 (second reading), entitled: "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, Amending Article III (Officers and Employees) of the San Fernando Municipal Code and Other Provisions to Reflect the Conversion of the Elective

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Office of City Treasurer to an Appointive Office as Authorized by the Voters of the City of San Fernando Pursuant to Government Code Section 36508 Through 36510 at the City’s General Municipal Election of March 7, 2017,”. By consensus, the motion carried.

**10) OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

City Clerk Chávez administered the Oath of Office and delivered a Certificate of Election to newly elected City Councilmembers Joel Fajardo and Robert C. Gonzales and to City Treasurer Margarita Solis.

Each made brief comments.

**11) REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL – SELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR**

City Clerk Chávez opened nominations for Mayor.

Vice Mayor Fajardo nominated Sylvia Ballin for Mayor and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Lopez.

There were no other nominations for Mayor.

Motion by Vice Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Mayor Gonzales, to close nominations. By consensus, the motion carried.

For Sylvia Ballin as Mayor, the motion carried with the following vote:

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

City Clerk Chávez opened nominations for Vice Mayor.

Councilmember Gonzales nominated Antonio Lopez for Vice Mayor and the motion was seconded by Mayor Ballin.

There were no other nominations for Vice Mayor.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Mayor Ballin, to close nominations. By consensus, the motion carried.

For Antonio Lopez as Vice Mayor, the motion carried with the following vote:

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

**CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES**

Mayor Ballin said the City has come a long way regarding the various boards represented by Councilmembers and was excited to report that Councilmember Gonzales was voted president of Independent Cities Association and she as president to the Independent Cities Finance Authority.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS - COMMISSION UPDATES**

Interim City Manager Kimball said the next meeting will include an update regarding Vista Del Valle School and he stated that the Planning and Preservation meeting would be held tomorrow night.

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello announced that the Transportation and Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday.

City Clerk Chávez reported that the Education Commission announced a new scholarship in memory of Elias Rodriguez and the application submittal deadline was extended.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Fajardo thanked Recreation and Community Services Director Ismael Aguila for the outstanding work he's done and said he will be missed.

Councilmember Gonzales also thanked Mr. Aguila and talked about the successful programs he accomplished. He also thanked staff for their dedication and said he's very comfortable that both the Mayor and Vice Mayor are back in leadership roles.

Vice Mayor Lopez also thanked Mr. Aguila for all of the work he's accomplished. He also thanked his colleagues for allowing him to serve as Vice Mayor and said that there's plenty to do and that Council is dedicated to assisting staff in any way possible.

Mayor Ballin said she was proud of Recreation and Community Services Director Aguila and wished him the best.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Interim City Manager Kimball said that Mr. Aguila has been an asset. He stated that there are now three vacant positions (i.e., City Manager, Community Development Director, and Recreation and Community Services Director) and that staff will need to focus on critical core goals and priorities for the next year.

Interim Finance Director Sonia Garcia talked about the budget calendar and upcoming budget study sessions.

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Recreation and Community Services Director Ismael Aguila talked about his experience working with the City. He said it's been a privilege and is very proud of the good employees, thankful for City's leadership and said he will miss the City.

**ADJOURNMENT (7:45 P.M.)**

Motion by Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember 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 April 3, 2017, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Elena G. Chávez, CMC*  
*City Clerk*