

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**JULY 2, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin, Vice Mayor Antonio Lopez, and Councilmembers Joel Fajardo and Robert C. Gonzales

Staff: City Manager Alexander P. Meyerhoff, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

Absent: Councilmember Jaime Soto (notified staff that he would be at a rally in downtown Los Angeles for Keeping Families Together)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Police Chief Anthony Vairo and he requested that the meeting adjourn in memory of Captain David Rosa from Long Beach who was killed in the line of duty.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Fajardo requested to move up Item No. 6 (he has to leave the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.)

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

The following presentations were made:

- a) CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION - GRADUATES OF THE PROGRAM AT PLAZA COMUNITARIA SINALOA, INC.

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c) **PARKS & RECREATION MONTH – JULY**

*This following item from Councilmember Soto, was removed from the agenda.*

b) **PRESENTATION BY TREVOR M. RICHMOND, DEPUTY CHIEF BUREAU COMMANDER, LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS VALLEY BUREAU**

**DECORUM AND ORDER**

Assistant City Attorney Padilla provided a brief summary of the rules.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Darryl Roberts asked what is being done for the veterans and said there's a big push for the federal government to finally decriminalize marijuana.

Pastor Sandie Richards reported that the First United Methodist Church was in support of Item No. 7.

Michelle Guijarro talked about the suspicious behavior at the halfway house on Seventh St. and is upset that the City will not permit her to build a six-foot fence to keep the criminals out.

Dee Akemon talked about a petition circulating against the massive development from Seventh to Eighth Streets east of Maclay Ave. and said that she is against more halfway houses in the City.

**CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilmember Fajardo provided updates regarding the various Ad Hoc Committees that he serves on.

Councilmember Gonzales also provided updates on the Ad Hoc Committees as well the Metro Service Council.

Vice Mayor Lopez gave an update regarding a meeting that the Ad Hoc Committee had with Code Enforcement staff.

Mayor Ballin briefly talked about the upcoming Metropolitan Water District Board meeting and a revote on the California Waterfix item, and said that everyone had a wonderful time at the Foster Care Fun Day picnic.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Ballin pulled Item No. 3 for further discussion and Councilmember Fajardo asked if Item No.s 6 and 7 could be moved up on the agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2018 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 1a) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE LAYNE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND THE LAYNE PARK PLAY-LOT RESURFACING PROJECT

By consensus, the motion carried.

*The following items were moved up on the agenda.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 7) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S IMMIGRATION POLICIES; CALLING ON ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE TO REPUDIATE THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S INCOMPETENT CALLOUS AND CRUEL APPROACH TO IMMIGRATION; AND DEMANDING THAT CONGRESS ACT IMMEDIATELY TO ENACT FAIR AND HUMANE COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

Mayor Ballin gave a brief presentation and each Councilmember provided input regarding their support.

Motion by Vice Mayor Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo, to adopt Resolution No. 7871 condemning the Trump Administration’s immigration policies; calling on all Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to repudiate the Trump Administration’s incompetent callous and cruel approach to immigration; and demanding that Congress act immediately to enact fair and humane comprehensive immigration reform. By consensus, the motion carried.

- 5) CONSIDERATION TO DESIGNATE A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE(S) FOR THE 2018 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

City Manager Meyerhoff presented the staff report.

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

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- a. Designate Vice Mayor Lopez as the Voting Delegate for the 2018 League of California Cities Annual Conference;
- b. Designate Councilmember Fajardo as the Alternate Voting Delegate (in the event that the designated Delegate is unable to serve in that capacity);
- c. Authorize the City Clerk to execute and submit the 2018 Annual Conference Voting Delegate/Alternate Form; and
- d. Direct the City Manager to bring back the League of California Cities resolutions that will be voted on for further discussion and input from the City Council

By consensus, the motion carried.

**6) DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CANNABIS AD HOC COMMITTEE AND DIRECTION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMERCIAL CANNABIS REGULATION AND PERMITTING PROGRAM**

The City Council received a comprehensive report and presentation from the Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee (Mayor Ballin and Vice Mayor Lopez), City staff, Deputy City Attorney Joaquin Vazquez and Matt Eaton (HdL Consultant) regarding development of a commercial cannabis regulation and permitting program in the City.

*At this time (8:15 p.m.) Councilmember Fajardo left the Council Chambers.*

Discussion ensued and Deputy City Attorney Vazquez and Mr. Eaton replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Ballin announced that the item would be continued pending additional information to be provided by staff. No action was taken.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)**

**Items Pulled for Further Discussion:**

**3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

Mayor Ballin requested a presentation and City Clerk Chávez provide a brief report.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez, to adopt Resolution No. 7870 calling and giving notice of the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, for the election of three City Councilmembers; requesting consolidation with the Statewide General Election; requesting that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to issue instructions to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to take any and all steps

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necessary for the holding of the consolidated election; and adopting regulations pertaining to candidates statements. By consensus, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE TO PLACE A MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT TO EXTEND THE EXISTING HALF-CENT LOCAL SALES TAX

Mayor Ballin announced that this item was pulled.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS - COMMISSION UPDATES**

City Clerk Chávez gave an update regarding activities of the Education Commission and reported that the nomination period regarding candidacy documents for a City Council seat begins on July 16.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas gave commission updates as well.

Director of Community Development Tim Hou reported that the Planning and Preservation Commission is accepting nominations on the chairmanship.

Police Chief Vairo gave an update regarding the Homeless Connect Day and invited all to attend.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Gonzales talked about the Homeless Connect Day and said that he was disappointed regarding Councilmember Fajardo's comments pertaining to a Political Action Committee.

Vice Mayor Lopez thanked staff for great work wished everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July.

Mayor Ballin thanked staff and others that attended the meeting and said it was unfortunate that there are important items that need to be discussed.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

None.

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**ADJOURNMENT (8:32 P.M.)**

Police Chief Vairo requested that the meeting close in memory of Long Beach Fire Capt. Dave Rosa who was fatally shot while on duty and Mayor Ballin called for a moment of silence.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez, 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 July 2, 2018, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Elena G. Chávez, CMC*  
*City Clerk*