

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 1, 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 6:07 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin 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: Vice Mayor Antonio Lopez (notified staff that he would not be in town and could not make the meeting) and Councilmember Jaime Soto (notified staff that he was unable to attend the meeting due to a personal emergency)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Director of Community Development Timothy Hou

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations were made:

- d) INTRODUCTION OF NEW CESAR E. CHAVEZ LEARNING ACADEMIES PRINCIPALS –
- ARTS THEATER ENTERTAINMENT MAGNET PRINCIPAL ANNE MASCHLER
 - SOCIAL JUSTICE HUMANITAS ACADEMY PRINCIPAL JEFF AUSTIN

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- c) PRESENTATION BY FERNANDEÑO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS REGARDING STREET NAME "MACLAY AVENUE"
- a) COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH
- b) REPEAL OF SENATE BILL 1 – THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

DECORUM AND ORDER

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Marcela Rodriguez thanked the Public Works Department for trimming eucalyptus trees in her neighborhood and for picking up couches that were blocking the sidewalk.

Bernice Cooke, elder with the Fernandeno Tataviam Tribe of Mission Indians, spoke in support of changing Maclay Avenue to Rogerio Rocha Avenue and asked Council to consider honoring their ancestors and tribe by adopting a resolution to rename the street.

Caroline Holland, Fernandeno Tataviam tribal member, also spoke in favor of the street name change and about the displacement and forced assimilation of the Tribe and said that trauma is alive today when they see street signs that celebrate people that have done so much damage.

In response to Mayor Ballin's request for information, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Yaz Emrani reported there is currently no formal procedure to change street names but staff is in the process of developing a policy and will bring it back for Council consideration.

CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Gonzales reported that there was a good turnout at last week's Independent Cities Association changing of the guard event. He also reported that the Library Commission met in San Fernando and he talked about the Homeless Connect Event that will be held at the library once a month.

Councilmember Fajardo said that he accepted an award on the City's behalf from the Valley Care Community Consortium regarding the Open Streets Event and that Mayor Ballin and Councilmember Gonzales were recognized as well as current and former City staff.

Mayor Ballin reported that Metropolitan Water District Board will vote for a new Chair on October 9th (a woman and two men have been nominated) and she believes that we have to have more woman on corporate boards.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Meyerhoff requested to pull Item No. 3 for discussion.

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF:
 - a) AUGUST 20, 2018 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - b) SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER

By consensus, the motion carried.

Item Pulled for Further Discussion

- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING SECTION 54-5 (CAMPING) OF THE SAN FERNANDO CITY CODE FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY FOR THE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS 5K RELAY RUN/WALK EVENT

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 7890 suspending Section 54-5 (Camping) of the San Fernando City Code for one night only at Recreation Park for the Dia de Los Muertos 5K Relay Run/Walk event for community altar participants, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. Friday, October 26, 2018, and 6:00 a.m. Saturday, October 27, 2018. By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- 4) REVIEW AND DISCUSS A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES TO DEVELOP COST PROJECTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VARIOUS FUNDING STRATEGIES RELATED TO THE CITY'S PENSION AND OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT LIABILITIES

Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Nick Kimball presented the staff report and replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Mayor Ballin, to appoint an Ad Hoc committee (consisting of Councilmembers Fajardo and Gonzales) to review proposals, interview firms, and recommend selection of a firm to the full City Council; and authorize the City Manager to release the RFP. By consensus, the motion carried.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Chávez reported that the Education Commission held their meeting last Tuesday, they met 39th District Assembly Member Luz Rivas and discussed building a partnership in order to support San Fernando schools, and plan to open the scholarship application period late November.

Director of Community Development Hou reported that the Planning and Preservation Commission would be meeting tomorrow night to discuss items pertaining to a new warehouse industrial construction project and the Commission will hear about the City's proposed cannabis ordinance.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Emrani talked about the upcoming Transportation and Safety Commission meeting and reported that he was recently elected to serve as the Vice Chair for the Upper Los Angeles River Steering Committee (representing the City of San Fernando) and in this position, he also serves as a liaison to the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Leadership Council.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Ballin said it's been a very challenging, dynamic, and scary year, is pleased with all of the work that has been accomplished but the bar needs to be raised and more work needs to be done.

ADJOURNMENT (7:21 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to adjourn. By consensus the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of October 1, 2018, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk*