

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**JUNE 17, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Present:

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Personnel Manager Michael Okafor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Fajardo requested to remove Item No. 3.

Assistant City Attorney Padilla announced that there was a need to add a walk-on item that came to staff's attention after the agenda was posted and there is a need for immediate action. Item No. 14 is regarding notification from the Board of State and Community Corrections that the Youth Reinvestment Proposal had been approved, but additional forms had to be submitted by June 20, 2019.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Gonzales, Pacheco, Lopez, Fajardo, Ballin – 5
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

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PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations were made:

- a) INTRODUCTION OF 2019 EDUCATION COMMISSION PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
- b) PRESENTATION BY KIDNEYS QUEST FOUNDATION, INC.
- c) RECOGNITION OF KIDNEYS QUEST FOUNDATION, INC. PRESIDENT CAROLYN URQUIDEZ

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Henry Romero talked about issues he's having with trash service; it was not collected for three months yet he now owes \$1,000.

Dr. Makha Blu Wakpa, Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Missions, talked about agenda Item No. 14, the grant application was submitted, and they're excited and look forward to collaborated work with the City.

Arturo Garcia, field representative for Assemblymember Luz Rivas, provided district information and updates on their activities.

Liana Stepanyan, San Fernando Library Manager, provided updates about library summer services, resources, and programs.

CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES

Mayor Fajardo gave updates on the Ad Hoc Committees regarding accessory dwelling units and murals and said he was very disappointed to learn that there had been vandalism at the Cesar Chávez monument.

Councilmember Pacheco gave an update regarding a meeting he attended pertaining to the Metro light rail project, commended Metro on their community outreach efforts, and he encouraged residents to attend the events.

Councilmember Gonzales talked about a Metro Service Council meeting he attended, gave an update regarding the Ad Hoc Committee on the census and reported that the Independent Cities Association will have their summer seminar the second week in July.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to pull Item No. 10 for further discussion, and approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2019 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL MANUAL AND ADOPT POLICIES PERTAINING TO CITY COUNCIL CONTACTS AND ATTORNEY SERVICES

Removed under Approval of Agenda.

- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE SALARY PLAN AND TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2019-2020
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A REVISED CONTRACT WITH JOHN ROBINSON CONSULTING INCORPORATED FOR UPPER RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE SAN FERNANDO ROAD STREET IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN SOUTH HUNTINGTON STREET AND SAN FERNANDO MISSION BOULEVARD, CDBG PROJECT NO. 601994-18 JOB NO. 7606, PLAN NO. P-729
- 7) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2019-2020 ARTICLE XIII B APPROPRIATIONS (GANN) LIMIT
- 8) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY MESOAMERICAN BALLGAME DELEGATION AND THE USE OF THE CITY SEAL
- 9) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

The following items were moved up on the agenda.

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14. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE YOUTH REINVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE GRANT PROPOSAL FOR THIS FUNDING AND TO SIGN THE GRANT AGREEMENT

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report.

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to adopt Resolution No. 7935 authorizing participation in the Youth Reinvestment Grant Program funded through the California State General Fund and administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections and authorizing the City Manager to submit the grant proposal for this funding and sign the grant agreement with the BSCC, including any amendments thereof. By consensus, the motion carried.

- 12) PARKING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Police Chief Anthony Vairo introduced Police Sergeant Peter Aguirre who gave a brief update.

Update only; no action taken.

- 11) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ADOPTING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SAN FERNANDO REGIONAL PARK INFILTRATION PROJECT

Katie Harrel, CWE Consultant, presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to approve Resolution No. 7926 adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the San Fernando Regional Park Infiltration Project. By consensus

- 13) CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER IN OPPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED RULE, PERTAINING TO SECTION 214 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1980, BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Councilmember Gonzales gave a brief report. Discussion ensued and Councilmembers each provided feedback.

By consensus, Council agreed that Councilmember Gonzales will work with staff on the letter and bring back for City Council review for the July 1, meeting (to be placed on Consent).

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

Item Pulled for Further Discussion

- 10) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO WRITE-OFF BAD DEBT FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018-2019

City Manager Nick Kimball presented the staff report and Vice Mayor Ballin made a few comments.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to authorize staff to write-off bad debt(s) from uncollectible utility accounts and loan receivable for FY 2018-2019. By consensus, the motion carried.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Police Chief Vairo gave updates regarding the OTS \$40,000 grant, said that the Police Department will be conducting citywide training pertaining to workplace violence, there will also be continued training on how to deal with the homeless population, and he talked about a recent incident regarding a homeless man armed with a utility knife.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas gave updates on the senior programs and community classes taking place over the summer.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Timothy Hou reported that the City will be hosting the annual low-cost pet vaccination/microchip/licensing clinic on June 22.

City Manager Kimball said he's encouraged by the number of applications submitted thus far for the Finance and Public Works Director positions. He thanked Public Works Department staff for quickly responding to the removal of the graffiti at the Cesar Chávez monument, and announced that he would be off for the rest of the week and Director of Community Development Hou would be filling in.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Pacheco thanked Chief Vairo for the update on the homeless incident, said it was unfortunate that additional funds could not be allocated to the Senior Club but he would be contributing some of his Community Investment Funds, wished fathers a happy belated Father's Day.

Councilmember Lopez thanked staff for hard work and City Manager Kimball for showing up today.

Councilmember Gonzales thanked staff for quickly removing the graffiti at the Cesar Chávez monument, thanked everyone for pulling "double-duty" (the City is still short-staffed two

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Department Heads), said that he's very excited about the Mesoamerican ballgame, and thanked Councilmembers for their support regarding Item No. 13.

Vice Mayor Ballin thanked everyone who stayed for the meeting.

Mayor Fajardo thanked everyone for a wonderful meeting, asked for an update (perhaps at the next meeting) regarding the homeless crisis, fireworks and PBID. He briefly talked about the buffer map pertaining to cannabis and about proposed ballot initiatives, and he congratulated Councilmember Gonzales regarding his new baby due later this year.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (7:50 P.M.)

A) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

G.C. §54957.6

Designated City Negotiators:

City Manager Nick Kimball

City Attorney Rick Olivarez

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla

Employees and Employee Bargaining Units that are the Subject of Negotiation:

San Fernando Management Group (SEIU, Local 721)

San Fernando Public Employees' Association (SEIU, Local 721)

San Fernando Police Officers Association

San Fernando Police Officers Association Police Management Unit

San Fernando Police Civilian Association

San Fernando Part-time Employees' Bargaining Unit (SEIU, Local 721)

All Unrepresented Employees

B) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

G.C. §54957

Title of Employee: City Manager

C) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

G.C. §54956.8

Property: 13441 Foothill Blvd., Sylmar, City of Los Angeles

Agency Negotiator: City Manager Nick Kimball, Lead Negotiator

City Attorney Rick Olivarez

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla

Negotiating Parties: Brian Board and Christina Garay of Rodeo Realty on behalf of

Richard C. Patterson, as to an undivided 50% interest in the subject

property and David M. Kull and Ronna Kull, Trustees of the David and

Ronna Kull Trust dated March 30, 2007, as to an undivided 50% interest

in the subject property

Under Discussion: Price and Terms of Payment as relates to Option to Purchase Agreement

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RECONVENE/REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (9:19 P.M.)

Assistant City Attorney Padilla reported the following:

Items A – General update was given by the City Manager and special Legal Counsel, feedback was given by the City Council, but no final action was taken.

Item B – Informal evaluation was conducted but no formal action taken.

Item C – General update was given by City Manager Kimball and Director of Community Development Hou, feedback was given by the City Council, but no final action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT (9:20 P.M.)

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, 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 June 17, 2019, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk*