

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**JULY 1, 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 6:05 p.m.

Present:

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

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

Absent: Councilmember Antonio Lopez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Timothy Hou

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Assistant City Attorney Padilla reported that there was a need to add a walk-on item (Closed Session Item B) regarding G.C. §54956.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiator pertaining to property located at 13441 Foothill Blvd., Sylmar. He reported that the item came to staff's attention after the agenda was posted and there is a need for immediate action.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to approve the agenda as amended. By consensus, the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentation was made:

- a) PARKS & RECREATION MONTH – JULY

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Maria Hinojos thanked everyone who have made possible the numerous programs at the parks.

Maria Gonzales thanked Councilmembers for the buses provided for their senior club activities.

Miguel Angel Leon, Las Palmas Park Senior Club, also thanked Councilmembers for providing bus transportation for their excursions and hopes they will continue to provide support.

Mary Mendoza thanked City Manager Kimball and Public Works staff for the repair work done to the sidewalks and walkways at Las Palmas Park.

Jesse Avila, City Liaison to the Greater L.A. County Vector Control District, gave an update regarding GLACVCD activities and talked about partnering with the Discovery Cube.

Maritza Duarte, Las Palmas Park Senior Club, thanked those who made it possible to have the entrance to the club fixed/repared, asked if Council would continue to donate buses, and provided information regarding the club's upcoming events.

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

CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Gonzales gave updates regarding the Independent Cities Association and the Ad Hoc pertaining to the U.S. Census.

Vice Mayor Ballin talked about a recent visit by John Ybarra, Private First Class, U.S. Army, and thanked City Manager Kimball and Police Chief Vairo for meeting with him.

Mayor Fajardo gave an update regarding Southern California Association of Governments and a meeting he had with the Executive Director of the Council of Governments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Fajardo pulled Item No. 5 and Councilmember Gonzales pulled Item No. 4 for further discussion.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
 - a. MAY 28, 2019 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - b. JUNE 3, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING

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- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR SPECIAL SERVICES WITH LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

By consensus, the motion carried.

Items Pulled for Further Discussion

- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS FOR SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR PROPOSITION 68 GRANT FUNDING AND ACCEPT SUCH FUNDS UPON AWARD OF GRANT

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas presented the staff report. He and City Manager Kimball replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 7929 authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program in the amount of \$1,920,478 to fund the Recreation Park Revitalization Project;
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 7930 authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program in the amount of \$2,995,379 to fund the Las Palmas Park Revitalization Project;
- c. Adopt Resolution No. 7931 authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program in the amount of \$1,413,226 to fund the Pioneer Park Revitalization Project;
- d. Adopt Resolution No. 7932 authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program in the amount of \$676,648 to fund the Layne Park Revitalization Project;
- e. Adopt Resolution No. 7933 authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program in the amount of \$565,205 to fund the Rudy Ortega Sr. Park Revitalization Project;
- f. Adopt Resolution No. 7934 authorizing submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Statewide Park Development and

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Community Revitalization Grant Program in the amount of \$433,089 to fund the Pacoima Wash Natural Park Revitalization Project;

- g. Authorize the City Manager to accept the grants, upon award of the grants;
- h. Authorize the City Manager to execute all related grant documents required for receiving such grant funds pursuant to the terms and conditions of the grant;
- i. Upon full execution of all grant-related documents, authorize the City Manager to amend the revenue and expenditure budgets to appropriate the grant funds, and
- j. Authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$49,950 with California Consulting, LLC to prepare six grant applications.

By consensus, the motion carried.

5) **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 presentation and read the proposed (revised) letter.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Chair Ballin, to approve the revised letter and allow any City Council signatory to join. By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

6) **FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONFIRMATION OF ASSESSMENT**

Mayor Fajardo declared the Public Hearing open.

Public Works Management Analyst Kenneth Jones presented the staff report. He and City Manager Kimball replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Fajardo called for public testimony; there were no public comments.

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

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 7936 ordering the continued maintenance of the City's streetlights and confirming the annual assessment; and

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- b. Adopt Resolution No. 7937 approving the Final Engineer’s Report for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

- 7) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 CITY BUDGET OR, ALTERNATIVELY, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A CONTINUING BUDGET RESOLUTION CONTINUING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 CITY BUDGET PENDING FINAL APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 CITY BUDGET

Mayor Fajardo declared the Public Hearing open.

City Manager Finance Kimball presented the staff report and replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Fajardo called for public testimony.

Monica (did not state last name) talked about her concerns regarding potholes and street pavement conditions (particularly near Vallarta Market and Santa Rosa Church), and said that trees would help make the City more attractive, and additional lighting would be great for those who take nightly walks.

Mary Mendoza spoke in favor of spending additional money for trees (many were lost last year due to the winds, etc.) and said it would be good to replace them.

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

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to adopt Resolution No. 7938 approving the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget, subject to the following modifications:

- a. Include \$25,000 for trees; and
- b. Include up to \$80,000 for matching funds for the grants (stated in agenda Item No. 4) to be distributed proportionately based on the amount of grant money received and with the understanding that staff has flexibility on making changes.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH ENGIE SERVICES U.S. FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY RESOURCES AUDIT

Public Works Management Analyst Kenneth Jones presented the staff report. He and City Manager Kimball replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Anthony Lumino and Wendy Yu, ENGIE Services U.S. representative, made a brief presentation.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to:

- a. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with ENGIE Services U.S. (Contract No. 1913), to conduct an Energy Efficiency Resources Audit; and
- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and all related documents.

By consensus, the motion carried.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Chávez reported that the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office will be making a presentation at the City Council meeting of September 16, regarding the new voting system.

Police Chief Vairo announced that funding (\$360,000) had been secured for the new school resource officer through the state budget process.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas gave updates regarding items scheduled for the upcoming commission meeting and the park design meetings.

Director of Community Development Timothy Hou reported that the Planning and Preservation Commission would be meeting tomorrow and he talked about the Edgesoft software system used by his department.

Personnel Manager Michael Okafor gave an update regarding the recruitment for the Director of Finance and Director of Public Works positions (interviews will be scheduled soon).

City Manager Kimball announced that everyone is excited about the City's new IT company, Saalex Corporation, he thanked Director of Community Development Hou for holding down the fort while he was on vacation, reminded everyone to enjoy a safe and responsible 4th of July, and requested that the meeting close in memory of Personnel Manager Michael Okafor's mother, Cecilia Okafor.

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GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Pacheco thanked staff and the community for coming out today, a lot was done in terms of the budget, and he wished everyone a safe and fun 4th of July.

Councilmember Gonzales thanked staff for all of their hard work, and he talked about the child in Altadena day camp that drowned (he offered to work with City staff to review our safety precautions and protocols).

City Manager Kimball replied to Vice Mayor Ballin's questions regarding the process for Councilmembers to use IT services, FilmLA update, and a meeting held with the individual inquiring about bringing fireworks in the City. Vice Mayor Ballin also requested that the meeting close in memory of Oscar and Valeria Martinez (father and daughter) who drowned crossing the border.

Mayor Fajardo wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July, thanked staff for wonderful meeting, said he will close the meeting in memory of those requested, and thanked both City Manager Kimball and Community Development Director Hou for the leadership.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (8:46 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) 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

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Under Discussion: and Ronna Kull Trust dated March 30, 2007, as to an undivided 50% interest in the subject property
Price and Terms of Payment as relates to Option to Purchase Agreement

RECONVENE/REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (9:13 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 – 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 (9:14 P.M.)

Motion by Vice 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 July 1, 2019, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk