

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**AUGUST 19, 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 6:04 p.m.

Present:

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

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, and Deputy City Clerk Cynthia Alba

Absent: Councilmember Antonio Lopez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian J. Venegas

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to approve the agenda and amendments (proposed changes to Item No. 3, and moving Item No. 8 to the Consent Calendar). By consensus, the motion carried.

Chief Anthony Vairo announced that Elias Rodriguez' mom, Paola Mascorro, passed away and requested to close the meeting in her memory.

Deputy City Clerk Alba also announced the passing of Gridley Elementary School principal, Jill Imperiale, and reported the Education Commission requested that the meeting adjourn in her memory.

By consensus, Council agreed to close the meeting in memory of Pahola Mascorro and Jill Imperiale.

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**PRESENTATIONS**

The following presentation was made:

- a) CANNABIS EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC REPORT

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Evelyn Veldez, Women’s Auxiliary American Legion president, spoke about their events and said they’re looking for new members.

Edward Moore, American Legion, talked about their services in support of veterans, announced that they are having their 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, and inquired about joining the Chamber of Commerce.

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

Frank Villalpando, San Fernando Public Employees Association, said he was recently reelected as president, talked about his previous experiences in the role and about their partnering efforts (including the scholarship program).

**CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilmember Gonzales gave updates regarding Independent Cities Association and the Metro Service Council.

Vice Mayor Ballin spoke about the Complete Count Census Committee and City Manager Kimball also talked about the committee’s outreach efforts.

Mayor Fajardo said that he and City Manager Kimball met to review the list of Ad Hoc committees to make sure all have completed their work.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to approve the Consent Calendar Items (along with the amendment to Item No. 3 and the addition of Item No. 8 as stated in the Approval of the Agenda):

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
  - a. JUNE 6, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING
  - b. NOVEMBER 19, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING

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- 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
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH FERNANDEÑO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS FOR USE OF LAS PALMAS PARK FACILITIES
- 8) CONSIDERATION TO REPLACE THE UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES (ULART) WORKING GROUP MEMBER AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INDEPENDENT CITIES RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (ICRMA) GOVERNING BOARD

By consensus, the motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 5) PRESENTATION ON THE CITY'S FIXED-ROUTE TROLLEY AND PARATRANSIT PROGRAMS FROM THE CONTRACTED OPERATOR

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report and introduced, Pep Valdes, Parking Company America representative.

Mr. Valdes gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding their services and he provided recommendations.

No formal action was taken; staff to look at options and bring back recommendations for review and approval by the City Council.

- 6) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH WEST COAST ARBORISTS, INC. FOR CITY-WIDE TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

City Manager Kimball presented the agenda report and introduced West Coast Arborists, Inc. Vice President Victor Gonzalez who responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales to:

- a. Approve a Professional Services Agreement (Contract No. 1927) with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for city-wide tree maintenance services for a term of three years with two one-year options in an amount not-to-exceed the annual fiscal year budget appropriation; and

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- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.

By consensus, the motion carried.

- 7) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE REQUIRED TO MEET THE CITY'S OBLIGATION TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

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

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded to by Councilmember Gonzales to adopt Resolution No. 7946 establishing the amount necessary to be raised by taxation for the City's annual payment to the California Public Employees' Retirement System; fixing the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 at \$0.212129 per \$100 of assessed valuation; and levying that tax rate upon all taxable property in the City. By consensus, the motion carried.

- 9) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SAN FERNANDO POLICE CIVILIANS' ASSOCIATION (SFPCA) AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS FOR UNIT REPRESENTED POSITIONS

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report.

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

- a. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (Contract No. 1928) between the City of San Fernando and the SFPCA for a three-year term (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021);
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 7947 approving new classification specifications for positions represented by SFPCA; and
- c. Authorize the City Manager to make non-substantive corrections and execute all related documents.

By consensus, the motion carried.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES**

Police Chief Vairo talked about a recent murder and assured Councilmembers that detectives are working hard with L.A. County Sheriff's homicide team to identify and arrest the suspect. He also shared that the National Night Out event had a great turn out.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas reported that the department will be preparing an ordinance regarding combining the Cultural Arts Commission with the Parks

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Wellness and Recreation Commission, and he also announced that the City's 108<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration will take place on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Timothy Hou talked about the upcoming Planning and Preservation Commission meeting and said they will be discussing a proposed project to convert a vacant lot into market rate housing.

City Manager Kimball thanked Councilmembers for having the Ad Hoc committee meetings, and shared that they will start working on some of the budget priorities.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Pacheco thanked staff for the presentations, spoke about the Ad Hoc committee meetings, and announced that he will be donating \$1,000 from his Community Investment Funds for two scholarships awarded by the Education Commission.

*At this time, Deputy City Clerk Alba distributed a letter from Councilmember Lopez; City Manager Kimball read the resignation letter.*

Councilmember Gonzales said that he understands Councilmember Lopez' resignation since it is what is best for his children and family; said it is very unfortunate to hear about the passing of Paula Mascorro (the City will continue to remember her and her family); and reported that National Night Out was a great event and asked that staff look into solutions regarding the long registration lines.

Vice Mayor Ballin talked about Pahola Mascorro and the impact she's made to the community (changes to the Glenoaks Bridge and scholarship donations made in her son's, Elias Rodriguez', name); announced she would be contributing \$500 from her Community Investment Funds for a scholarship in the memory of Pahola Mascorro; she talked about the need to update the City Code regarding commissions; and expressed her respect for Councilmember Lopez and wished him, and his family, the best.

In response to Councilmember Gonzales' question, City Manager Kimball said that an ordinance was never adopted transferring the Cultural Affairs Commission to the Parks Wellness and Preservation Commission.

Councilmember Gonzales requested that staff send flowers to Pahola Mascorro's family.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (9:31 P.M.)**

**A) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

G.C. §54957.6

Designated City Negotiators:

City Manager Nick Kimball

City Attorney Rick Olivarez

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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 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

**RECONVENE/REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (7:33 P.M.)**

Assistant City Attorney Padilla reported the following:

Items A and B – General updates given by the City Manager and Deputy City Manager, feedback was given by the City Council, but no final action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT (7:57 P.M.)**

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to adjourn the meeting in memory of Pahola Mascorro and Jill Imperiale. By consensus the motion carried.

*I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of August 19, 2019, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Cynthia Alba  
Deputy City Clerk*