

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 21, 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 6:01 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo (left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.), Vice Mayor Sylvia Ballin, and Councilmembers Robert C. Gonzales (arrived at 6:07 p.m.), Mary Mendoza, 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 Student of the Month Brenda Macuil

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Fajardo announced that Item Nos. 4 and 5 would be moved to upcoming meetings and that Item No. 3 would be consolidated with the Consent Calendar.

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

The following presentations were made:

- a) CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION – STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
  - Brenda Macuil – Social Justice Humanitas Academy, EduCare Foundation
  - Aslyn Mendez – Academy of Scientific Exploration
  
- b) CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – LEAD DESK OFFICER JAMES VANICEK

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

7) CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT AN EDUCATION COMMISSIONER

Mayor Fajardo asked if there were audience members who wished to speak on the item; there were no public comments.

Mayor Fajardo introduced Nicole Mohr who made a few comments.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to appoint Nicole Mohr as Mayor Fajardo's representative to the Education Commission effective November 1, 2019. By consensus, the motion carried.

6) CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Fajardo asked if there were audience members who wished to speak on the item; there were no public comments.

Mayor Fajardo introduced Francisco Arrizon, Marvin R. Perez, and Jason B. Hayes, and each made brief comments.

Motion by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to appoint Francisco Arrizon as Councilmember Mendoza's representative to the Transportation and Safety Commission. By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Mayor Fajardo, to appoint Marvin R. Perez as Councilmember Mendoza's representative to the Planning and Preservation Commission. By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Mayor Fajardo, to appoint Jason B. Hayes as Councilmember Mendoza's representative to the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission. By consensus, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

City Clerk Chávez announced that David Bernal submitted an email pertaining to the City Council seat appointment process (copies were provided to Councilmembers).

Eduardo Solorzo, Director with LAUSD Local District Northeast, said he has experience working at San Fernando Middle School, supports the high school, and would be happy to serve as liaison.

Teresa Quiroga Mendez said that she has suffered monetary losses and health issues due to a tree that is just outside her property line.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
  
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

By consensus, the motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (CONTINUED)**

Mayor Fajardo reported that he may be leaving early and he moved up the following item.

- 8) DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Fajardo reviewed the proposed changes and Councilmembers made brief comments.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to approve the following changes to the Ad Hoc Committee Assignments.

- a. Wildhorse Children's Foundation  
*Add Mayor Fajardo; Ad Hoc to expire no later than October 31, 2020*
  
- b. City General Plan Update  
*Remove Vice Mayor Ballin; add Councilmember Mendoza*
  
- c. Water and Sewer Utility Rate Study  
*Keep until item is finalized*
  
- d. Code Enforcement  
*Dissolve*
  
- e. Green City  
*Remove Vice Mayor Ballin; add Councilmember Pacheco*

By consensus, the motion carried.

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2) **CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 7895 AND ESTABLISHING MEASURE “A” REVIEW GUIDELINES**

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

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers and each provided input.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to adopt Resolution No. 7954, rescinding Resolution No. 7895 and establishing Town Hall style Measure “A” Transparency Forum Guidelines with the following amendments:

- Three meetings per year (two before budget adoption and actual dates to be determined by the City Manager);
- Provide \$5,000 funding for marketing; and
- Bring back to City Council for review no later than December 2020.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

4) **UPDATE ON STATEWIDE TENANT PROTECTION ACT OF 2019 AB 1482 (RENT CONTROL)**

*Item removed under Approval of Agenda.*

5) **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES FOR CITY DOCUMENTS**

*Item removed under Approval of Agenda.*

*At this time (7:02 p.m.) Mayor Fajardo left the Council Chambers.*

**STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES**

City Clerk Chávez reminded everyone about the upcoming Education Commission Principals’ Brunch on October 25<sup>th</sup>, at Recreation Park.

Police Chief Anthony Vairo gave an update regarding the radio communications project and stated that he should have a report to Council by the second meeting in November.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas gave updates regarding the Tiny Tot Soccer program, Dia de Los Muertos 5k event and the Partners in Care exercise program at Rudy Ortega Park.

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Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Hou thanked outgoing Commissioner Yvonne Mejia Pena for her service on the Planning and Preservation Commission and said they look forward to working with new Commissioner Perez.

City Manager Kimball echoed Mr. Hou's sentiment regarding outgoing commissioners and reported that staff has instituted a new process where the City Manager's office will automatically send out-going commissioners a certificate of appreciation for their dedication to the City.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilmember Pacheco thanked outgoing commissioners and wished them success. He provided brief updates regarding the League of California Cities workshops he attended pertaining to transportation/mobility and cannabis. The Cannabis Ad Hoc will continue to do its work and come up with the best solution for San Fernando.

Councilmember Gonzales also thanked commissioners and Officer Vanicek for the years of dedication, talked about the recent fires and he thanked the first responders.

Councilmember Mendoza also thanked the commissioners for their service to the City, said she's honored to be here in her first meeting and hopes to serve everyone well, and she thanked audience members for being here.

Vice Mayor Ballin talked about the League of Cities workshops that she attended regarding the census and social media, thanked commissioners, and read a letter from second grader and said it was heartwarming to hear from community members.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (7:15 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

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- B) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (INFORMAL)  
G.C. §54957  
Title of Employee: City Manager
  
- C) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEE  
G.C. §54957.6  
Designated City Negotiator: Mayor Joel Fajardo  
Unrepresented Employee: City Manager

**RECONVENE/REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (8:09 P.M.)**

Assistant City Attorney Padilla announced that Mayor Fajardo was absent and he reported the following:

Item A – An update was provided by the City Manager, direction was given by City Council, but no final action was taken.

Item B & C – Dialogue was had by the City Council, direction was given to the City Attorney, but no final action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT (8:10 P.M.)**

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, 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 October 21, 2019, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Elena G. Chávez, CMC  
City Clerk*