

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 26, 2019 – 4:00 P.M.
SPECIAL 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 4:05 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, and Councilmembers Sylvia Ballin, Robert C. Gonzales (arrived at 4:11 p.m.) and Mary Mendoza

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

Absent: Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Fajardo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

None

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES

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Interim Director of Public Works Martin Pastucha presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

At this time (4:11 p.m.), Councilmember Gonzales arrived.

Mayor Fajardo declared open the continued Proposition 218 Public Hearing.

Discussion followed regarding fixed rates versus tiered rates, impacts to revenues, encouraging water conservation, adjustments to rates for low-income residents, increases in the first and subsequent years and availability of grant funding.

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

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

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales to adopt Resolution No. 7963 establishing new Water Rates if the number of valid protests votes is below 50% of the number of property owners or customers authorized to vote; adopt Resolution No. 7964 establishing new Sewer Rates if the number of valid protests votes is below 50% of the number of property owners or customers authorized to vote and approve the recommended revised Income-Based Assistance Program.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (4:21 P.M.)

By consensus, Councilmembers recessed to the following Closed Session as announced by Assistant City Attorney Padilla:

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

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

RECONVENE/REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (4:46 P.M.)

Assistant City Attorney Padilla reported the following:

Item A – An update was provided by City Manager Kimball, general direction was given, and no final action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT (4:47 P.M.)

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, 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 November 26, 2019, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk