

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**MARCH 5, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin, Vice Mayor Antonio Lopez, and Councilmembers Jaime Soto, Joel Fajardo, and Robert C. Gonzales

Staff: City Manager Alexander P. Meyerhoff, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to approve the agenda, as presented. By consensus, the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentation was made:

- a) OFO DOCKLESS BIKE-SHARE PRESENTATION

DECORUM AND ORDER

Assistant City Attorney Padilla provided a brief summary of the rules.

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Lizette Felix said she was here on behalf of Andres Alvarado who passed away on February 20, 2018, doesn't have family in the U.S., and asked for contributions to cover funeral costs.

Ruben Quintana, SFPEA, talked about their membership and asked for Council's consideration of their proposal and maintain their current level of benefits.

Diana Ocegüera expressed concerns regarding the Santa Rosa Little League and a pending criminal investigation on an individual involved in the organization and asked Council for help with the matter.

Liliana Morales, San Fernando Library, provided information regarding the library's upcoming events.

Mary Mendoza spoke regarding contract negotiations with Public Works employees and their support, and said she was given information regarding the City's active shooter training.

Julie Cuellar spoke in support of the City's Public Works employees and urged the City to provide them a cost-of-living increase in their pay.

Frank Villalpando spoke in support SFPEA and the City's Public Works employees and urged Council to do the right thing.

CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Fajardo provided a quick update regarding a meeting at the League of Cities where there was a discussion on efforts to combat homelessness in Los Angeles County.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2018 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR ROOF REPAIRS AT THREE CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS

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- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (MRCA) REGARDING THE PACOIMA WASH NATURAL PARK

By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

The following item was moved up on the agenda.

- 7) CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT CITY COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

Mayor Ballin commended Nina Herrera, the City's liaison to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District for the last five years, and reported that Raymond Herrera agreed to step in and she asked for Council's consideration.

By consensus, Raymond Herrera was appointed as City Council Liaison to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District.

- 5) PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016-2017 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Nick Kimball presented the staff report.

Discussion ensued regarding Streets and Deferred Maintenance, the importance of the Cafeteria Fund going forward, Retiree Health and Retiree Health Savings, Self-Insurance and Maintenance Reserves, Liability Insurance and cases in which the City needs to be indemnified, the possibility of developing a Finance or Economic Development Master Plan, and the need to consider setting ordinances relative to the generation of taxes in land sales.

Presentation only; no formal action taken on this item.

- 6) PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017-2018 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW AND FY 2018-2019 BUDGET OUTLOOK

Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Kimball presented the staff report.

Brief discussion followed regarding having staff provide an updated list on Maintenance and Streets with the possibility of Council's consideration of outsourcing those services.

Mayor Ballin requested a list of all priorities to reevaluate them going forward.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez, to adopt Resolution No. 7839 amending the City's FY 2017-2018 Budget to include the proposed changes along with staff direction as stated, above. By consensus, the motion carried.

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8) **CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO PLACE TIME LIMITS ON THE LENGTH OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Mayor Sylvia Ballin described the purpose of the ordinance.

Councilmember Soto spoke against limiting Council meeting times.

Discussion followed regarding difficulties in making decisions when fatigued, the importance of having a fresh perspective, the possibility of assigning time limits per item, moving pertinent items forward, on the agenda, as necessary, being cognizant of each other's time, considering limits to Councilmember discussions, scheduling follow-up meetings for important issues, and respecting everyone's right to speak.

Assistant City Attorney Padilla explained the proposed ordinance noting if Council wants to continue a meeting beyond 9:30 p.m., Council will need to make a motion. Items not addressed after a cut-off, would automatically be placed on Council's next meeting agenda or a special meeting could be scheduled.

A brief discussion ensued but no formal action was taken.

9) **DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

City Clerk Chávez presented the staff report and discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers.

Councilmember Fajardo noted there is no legal requirement for Council to reorganize, this year and stated he does not support reorganization if it means that Mr. Lopez will serve as Mayor.

Vice Mayor Lopez believed Council should follow the stated process and reorganize at this time.

Mayor Ballin reported the process was changed to have the election in March and asked for clarification of next steps.

City Clerk Chávez noted Council may reorganize at this meeting or wait until December, when results of the November election are declared.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to hold Council's reorganization in the month of December after declaration of the November election results. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ballin, Soto, Fajardo – 3
NOES: Lopez, Gonzales – 2
ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENT HEADS - COMMISSION UPDATES

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City Clerk Chávez reported the Education Commission Scholarship application period ended and provided an update on the process rating and selection process.

Police Chief Anthony Vairo discussed active shooter training noting the next phase in the process will be to train private school staff.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Yazdan T. Emrani addressed new hires in the Public Works Department and reported on a meeting with Climate Tech and Councilmember Fajardo and on upcoming meetings in efforts to become energy-efficient.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Fajardo discussed the upcoming open streets event at the end of the month and reported attending a recent League of California Cities meeting.

Councilmember Soto requested a moment of silence the Police canine, Jim.

Brief discussion followed regarding active shooter training.

Councilmember Gonzales announced the upcoming Cesar Chavez Inspirational Youth Conference and the Bicycle Skills Workshop on March 17, 2018.

Mayor Ballin discussed Women's History Month and noted her admiration of Emma Gonzalez and Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Meyerhoff discussed a recent meeting regarding Safe and Smart Parks and presented updates on parks renovation and other projects.

ADJOURNMENT (8:38 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to adjourn the meeting in memory of those requested. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of March 5, 2018, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk