SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 22, 2016, 6:00 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 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, Vice Mayor Sylvia Ballin, and Councilmembers

Robert C. Gonzales, Antonio Lopez (arrived at 6:07 p.m.), and Jaime Soto

Staff: City Manager Brian Saeki, Deputy City Attorney Richard Padilla, and

City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Fajardo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 16-023 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER

In response to Councilmember Soto's inquiries, Deputy City Attorney Padilla stated that although uncommon, there was an opportunity to add the Warrant Register to this meeting's agenda.

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Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello also added that "time was of the essence" regarding processing a contractor payment that was listed.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to adopt Resolution No. 16-023 approving the Warrant Register. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Gonzales, Ballin, Soto, Fajardo – 4

NOES: None ABSENT: Lopez – 1

2) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SFVCOG) MOBILITY ACADEMY

Mayor Fajardo explained that although this item does not require City Council approval, he added it to the agenda to provide the names of his nominees who will be participating in the Mobility Academy.

At this time, both Councilmember Soto and Deputy City Attorney Padilla exited the Chambers.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to approve participation in the SFVCOG Mobility Academy and approve representatives Baltazar Martinez (business community), David Bernal (community-at-large), and staff member (to be appointed by City Manager Saeki). By consensus, the motion carried.

At this time, Councilmember Soto and Deputy City Attorney Padilla returned to the Chambers.

PUBLIC HEARING

3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. U-1652, AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO EXTENDING AN INTERIM MORATORIUM ON THE APPLICATION FILING, PROCESSING, APPROVAL AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING PROJECTS THROUGH JANUARY 18, 2017

Community Development Director Fred Ramirez presented the staff report.

Mayor Fajardo declared the Public Hearing open and each Councilmember provided their comments.

Discussion ensued and both Community Development Director Ramirez and Deputy City Attorney Padilla replied to inquiries from Councilmembers.

Mayor Fajardo called for public testimony.

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Mary Mendoza reported that the City received over 560 letters/emails/petitions in opposition of multi-family units and asked that the City Council continue supporting the moratorium extension until all infrastructure and safety issues are resolved.

There being no further comments, Mayor Fajardo closed the public comment portion of the Hearing.

In response to Vice Mayor Ballin's question, Deputy City Attorney Padilla reported that the Government Code states the maximum duration of a moratorium is two years from date of the initial approval.

Discussion ensued and staff continued to reply to various questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to waive full reading of Urgency Ordinance No. U-1652 and adopt by title only, "An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando Extending an Interim Moratorium on the Application Filing, Processing, Approval and Issuance of Permits for Multiple-Family Dwelling Projects Through January 18, 2017".

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Gonzales, Ballin, Soto, Lopez, Fajardo – 5

NOES: None

ADJOURNMENT (6:42 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of February 22, 2016 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez City Clerk