

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**AUGUST 3, 2015 – 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 6:05 p.m.

Present:

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

Staff: City Manager Brian Saeki, City Attorney Rick R. Olivarez, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Police Explorer Alberto Barragan

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATION**

The following presentation was made:

- a) RECOGNITION OF RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT VOLUNTEERS

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Jeanette Ross requested that the City Council support Item No. 9 on the agenda.

John Arroyo said that people have to go outside of the City to shop and he talked about graffiti issues.

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John Blue said he has not heard back from staff regarding his idea to open an urgent care hospital for large animals.

Benita Rivera said there are City trees next to her home that have not been trimmed for many years and both she and a neighbor always have to pick up the leaves and debris.

Richard Arroyo talked about Item No. 11 and said that the City of Los Angeles has a campaign to stop illegal fireworks.

Miguel Montanez had questions and offered suggestions pertaining to the sewer item on the agenda.

Cindy Montanez also talked about the sewer system item, had questions for staff, and is looking forward to hearing the details.

Pilar Enriquez talked about the Starbucks parking lot (and the bad traffic situation) and asked that we pay attention to the issue.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2015 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-081 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) UPDATE REGARDING THE CITY’S LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SAN FERNANDO POLICE OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION POLICE MANAGEMENT UNIT AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR IMPLEMENTING THE COST-SHARING FOR EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FOUR-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN FOR DEPARTMENT HEAD CLASSIFICATIONS AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING COST-SHARING FOR EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

By consensus, the motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mayor Fajardo announced that the following item was moved up on the agenda.

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10) APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS, WELLNESS, AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Councilmember Jaime Soto introduced Yolanda Haro and made a motion to appoint her as his representative to the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin and was approved by unanimous consent.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

6) CONSIDERATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONFIRMATION OF ASSESSMENT

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Fajardo opened the Public Hearing and called for public testimony. There being no comments, he closed the public comment portion of the Hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to:

- a) Adopt Resolution No. 7685 ordering the continued maintenance of the City's streetlights and confirming the annual assessment; and
- b) Adopt Resolution No. 7686 approving the Final Engineer's Report for the FY 2015-2016 Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Gonzales, Ballin, Soto, Lopez, Fajardo – 5  
NOES: None

7) CONSIDERATION OF THE REGIONAL CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) SELF-CERTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF THE CITY'S 2015 CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Community Development Director Fred Ramirez presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmember Soto.

Mayor Fajardo declared the Public Hearing open.

Jesse Avila said it seemed as if someone was looking for something to fit their agenda while jeopardizing the loss of money and suggested learning about the item first.

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

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Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to adopt Resolution No. 7694 certifying that the City of San Fernando is in conformance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP) for Los Angeles County, and approving the City's 2015 CMP Local Development Report for the reporting period from June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, Ballin, Fajardo, Gonzales – 4  
NOES: Soto – 1

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

8) OVERVIEW OF CITY'S SANITARY SEWER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE INITIATING CLOSED CAPTIONED TELEVISION INSPECTION/CLEANING SERVICES

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Marcarello presented the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Marcarello introduced Yazdan T. Emrani (Hall and Foreman) and Lou LeBlanc (retired Engineer from the City of Glendale) who also replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers, staff, and consultants.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to:

- a) Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Performance Pipeline Technologies, in an amount not-to-exceed \$225,000 for closed captioned television (CCTV) and cleaning services for approximately 164,000 linear feet of the City's sanitary sewer system, including a 10% contingency (\$20,000) for unforeseen circumstances that may arise; and
- b) Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Hall and Foreman, in an amount not-to-exceed \$90,000 for independent third-party review services of CCTV information and integrating CCTV information into the City's geographic information services system.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, Ballin, Fajardo, Gonzales – 4  
NOES: Soto – 1

9) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE SAN FERNANDO CHILE FESTIVAL

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Vanessa Ceballos and Julie Cardoso (San Fernando Mall Association) and Recreation and Community Services Director Ismael Aguila provided information regarding the proposed festival and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to:

- a) Approve City co-sponsorship of the San Fernando Chile Festival with the San Fernando Mall Association;
- b) Approve the use of the City Seal on San Fernando Chile Festival marketing material; and
- c) Approve waiving special event fees for implementation of the San Fernando Chile Festival Event.

By consensus, the motion carried.

**11) OVERVIEW OF APPLICABLE LAW AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF FINES FOR THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS**

City Attorney Olivarez gave the staff report. He and Police Chief Anthony Vairo replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to direct staff to return within the next 30 to 45 days with an Ordinance modifying Chapter 38 and setting forth a revised fining schedule. By consensus, the motion carried.

**12) DISCUSSION PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO CORRESPONDENCE STANDARDIZATION PROJECT**

City Manager Saeki gave the staff report and each Councilmember provided feedback and comments.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to standardize all City correspondence. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, Ballin, Fajardo, Gonzales – 4  
NOES: Soto – 1

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilmember Soto gave an update regarding the Transit Oriented District meeting tomorrow night and encouraged everyone to attend.

Councilmember Gonzales said that he has been elected as the executive board secretary to the Independent Cities Association and gave an update regarding their last meeting.

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Councilmember Lopez gave an update regarding the Southern California Association of Governments transportation sub-committee meeting that he attended.

Vice Mayor Ballin gave an update regarding the Metropolitan Water District meeting she attended.

By consensus, Councilmembers agreed with Mayor Fajardo's suggestion to reach out to Governor Jerry Brown (or key Assembly Members) to invite them to the City and to demonstrate the impact of the High-Speed Rail. He also requested that staff bring back a resolution in support of the Vidak Senate Bill regarding the High-Speed Rail.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Gonzales said some of our older City structures need a facelift/repainting (i.e., Mission City Bikepath and the bus shelter at Glenoaks and Brand Boulevards). He thanked everyone for reaching out to him regarding the passing of his father.

Councilmember Lopez thanked staff for the great work they're doing and the work they put into their reports.

Councilmember Soto talked about his recent newsletter and that the public has been motivating him with compliments. He hopes that a female will be considered to fill the seat on the Transit Oriented District (TOD).

Vice Mayor Ballin read a lengthy statement that addressed her concerns regarding the recent newsletter published by Councilmember Soto.

Mayor Fajardo agreed with the need to diversify the TOD and said is considering appointing a female to the committee. He also agreed that Councilmember Soto's newsletter is inaccurate and problematic and also does not want his name listed on it. He said it's very easy to point out problems but has yet to hear any solutions as to where the millions of dollars will come from to fix the streets and sewers.

Councilmember Soto said his newsletter is accurate and carefully worded and that he is not intimidated by empty threats or lawsuits (he will continue to be truthful and transparent to the community).

In response to Councilmembers' concerns, City Attorney Olivarez said he would have to look into whether Councilmember Soto may continue to use the City Seal on his newsletters but there isn't anything in the City Code that prevents Councilmember Soto from listing Councilmembers' names on it.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

None

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**ADJOURNMENT (9:14 P.M.)**

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, 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 August 3, 2015, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Elena G. Chávez*  
*City Clerk*