

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 3, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Robert C. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present:

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Police Chief Anthony Vairo

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

City Manager Saeki announced that the first presentation would be pulled.

Motion by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve the amended agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

The following presentations were made:

- a) TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS  
*This presentation was pulled under Approval of Agenda.*
- b) CERVANTES FUND FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE PROCLAMATION

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**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Jaime Lazo (business owner and a member of the Masonic Lodge) said that over the last few months, he's reported dangerous activity such as abandoned vehicles, drug addicts "shooting up", people defecating, urinating, sleeping and living in the alley at 2014 Maclay Ave.. To date, nothing has been done about it.

Dee Akemon said she's familiar with the area mentioned by the speaker and agreed that it's been an on-going problem.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH TREE PEOPLE TO COMPLETE GREEN STREETS IMPROVEMENTS UTILIZING STATE PROPOSITION 1 GRANT FUNDS
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE FERNANDEÑO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS FOR CULTURAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

By consensus, the motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 5) APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COMMISSIONS

Councilmember Soto requested to table this item (both individuals were unable to make the meeting).

- 6) CONSIDERATION OF LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

Vice Mayor Fajardo presented the item and discussion ensued regarding the League of California Cities resolution entitled: "Resolution Committing the League of California Cities to Supporting Vision Zero, Toward Zero Deaths, and Other Programs or Initiatives to Make Safety a Top Priority for Transportation Projects and Policy Formulation, While Encouraging Cities to Pursue Similar Initiatives."

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Motion by Vice Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Mayor Gonzales, to authorize Voting Delegate Vice Mayor Fajardo (and, if required, Alternate Voting Delegates Mayor Gonzales and Councilmember Soto) to vote, on the City's behalf, at the 2016 League of California Cities Annual Business Meeting based on the feedback provided by the City Council. By consensus, the motion carried.

7) **DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY FORUM REGARDING POLICE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Vice Mayor Fajardo presented the report and discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers and Police Chief Anthony Vairo.

Motion by Vice Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to move forward with preparations for a community forum regarding police and public relations, authorization to work with the Chief of Police and bring forward a proposal to the City Council (including associated costs). By consensus, the motion carried.

8) **PRESENTATION BY BLUE GREEN ALLIANCE REGARDING GAS LEAK SIGN ON LETTER TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Mayor Gonzales gave an update regarding the letter to the California Public Utilities Commission and request for support for recommendations concerning mandatory minimum requirements and best practices for natural gas leakage abatement.

Motion by Mayor Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve the letter. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

9) **UPDATE ON HOMELESS INITIATIVES**

City Manager Saeki gave an update regarding measures taken to address the homelessness issues. He reported: as of January, the City has a homeless population of 17; the City has put together a task force that has checked various areas throughout the City; two people were open to services; a bus was also made available on October 12<sup>th</sup> for Homeless Connect Day to take individuals to the service site; staff prepared a letter of opposition to SB876 (Homelessness); and the City will continue to partner with the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

Discussion ensued but no final action taken (receive and file item).

**CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilmember Lopez reminded everyone of the housing summit that will be hosted by SCAG and held next week.

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Vice Mayor Fajardo reported that the Chamber of Commerce hosted a successful event in San Fernando related to business taxes and accounting and that their membership has increased.

Mayor Gonzales talked about ICA's events (he was installed as president elect) and their upcoming winter session is coming up.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS - COMMISSION UPDATES**

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello reported that the Transportation and Safety Commission will meet this week to discuss traffic issues (on Harding and Library streets) and stop sign requests.

Recreation and Community Services Director Ismael Aguila reported that the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission will meet next Tuesday.

City Clerk Chávez reported that the Education Commission plans to collaborate with the U.S. Postal Service Federal Credit Union to host a "Bite of Reality" financial education program for youth in the community.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

City Manager Saeki reported there are no updates regarding the Transit Oriented Development other than what we presented at the last meeting.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (7:05 P.M.)**

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

- A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO DISCUSS FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH CREATE EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION OR MAY OTHERWISE RESULT IN LITIGATION  
G.C. §54956.9(d)(2) AND §54956.9(e)(3)  
One (1) Matter
  
- B) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO DISCUSS AND PROVIDE UPDATES ON MULTIPLE EXISTING LITIGATION MATTERS  
G.C. §54956.9(d)(1)

Jorge Bayardo v. City of San Fernando, LASC Case No. BC626481  
Kevin Yoo v. City of San Fernando, LASC Case No. BC626482  
Young Bin Cho v. City of San Fernando, LASC Case No. BC626478  
Jeffrey Pak v. City of San Fernando, LASC Case No. BC626480  
Saul Garibay v. City of San Fernando, LASC Case No. BC626479

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C) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR  
G.C. §54957.6

Designated City Negotiators:

City Manager Brian Saeki  
Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello  
Finance Director 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

**RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION (8:03 P.M.)**

City Attorney Olivarez reported the following:

Item A – The City Council received a briefing from staff; no action was taken.

Item B – The City Council received a briefing from special counsel on all five cases listed on the agenda; no action was taken.

Item C – The City Council received a briefing from staff. Direction was given but no final action was taken.

City Attorney Olivarez also reported for the record that at approximately 7:48 p.m., Councilmember Ballin left the Closed Session.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Soto thanked staff for their hard work on the Chile Festival and hopes that the classic movie night events will continue throughout the year.

Vice Mayor Fajardo also thanked staff for helping out with the Chile Festival and would like to acknowledge the coordinators at an upcoming Council meeting.

Mayor Gonzales agreed that the Chile Festival was a great event and he reported that Blue Cross had also had an event at Recreation Park that was well attended. He also encouraged everyone to register for the upcoming 5K event.

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**ADJOURNMENT (8:09 P.M.)**

Motion by Vice Mayor Fajardo, 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 October 3, 2016, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Elena G. Chávez*  
*City Clerk*