

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**MARCH 20, 2017 – 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 Jaime Soto, Sylvia Ballin, and Antonio Lopez (arrived 6:20 p.m.)

Staff: Interim City Manager Nick Kimball, City Attorney Rick Olivarez, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Police Chief Anthony Vairo

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

The following presentation was made:

- a) TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS – Julian and Albert Carrillo

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Fred Partovi said he's developed numerous properties in the City and is against the moratorium prohibiting new accessory dwelling units; it is taking a toll on contractors like him.

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES – March 20, 2017**

**Page 2**

Liana Stepanyan, San Fernando Library Manager, provided information regarding the library's upcoming events including an annual book sale, a new "Discover and Go" service, and an on-line high school diploma and career certification program for ages 19+.

Michelle Guijarro complained about the red zoning at the PUC school which is not used as a valet pickup, instead, parents sit in their parked vehicles waiting for their children. She talked about the JC Penney building (people are against low-income housing but would help get people off the streets) and complained about the outdoor eateries.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Fajardo pulled Item No. 3 for further discussion. Mayor Ballin reported that she would abstain voting on the minutes.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
  - a) FEBRUARY 6, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING
  - b) FEBRUARY 21, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO.S 17-031 AND 17-032 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTERS OF MARCH 6, 2017 AND MARCH 20, 2017, RESPECTIVELY
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017-2018 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RESOLUTION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS AND ORDERING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR 12900 DRONFIELD AVENUE SITE PREPARATION AND ELECTRICAL UPGRADES, PHASE 1B

By consensus, the motion carried.

**Items Pulled for Further Discussion:**

- 3) TEMPORARY REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Interim City Manager Kimball replied to various questions from Councilmembers

Vice Mayor Fajardo motioned to approve, with a provision that staff place an ad (as soon as possible) for a 960-hour employee, or an interim Department Head position, and bring this back

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES – March 20, 2017**

**Page 3**

(as a Consent item) in two meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Soto and carried with the following vote:

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

6) UPDATE REGARDING THE STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Personnel Manager Michael Okafor presented the staff report and replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

By consensus, Councilmembers concurred to receive and file the report.

7) CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CIVIC ART SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE SAN FERNANDO MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY

Interim City Manager Kimball presented the staff report and replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued regarding suggested appointments.

Interim City Manager Kimball reported that he will follow up with the County to inquire about the upcoming meeting (whether it will be informational or substantive) and report back.

8) CONSIDERATION TO CO-SPONSOR AN EARTH DAY CLEANUP EVENT AT THE PACOIMA WASH NATURAL PARK WITH PACOIMA BEAUTIFUL

Interim City Manager Kimball presented the staff report and replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

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

- a. Approve City co-sponsorship of Pacoima Beautiful' s annual Earth Day Cleanup event at the Pacoima Wash Natural Park (Event); and
- b. Approve the use of the City Seal for the Event on print material pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 6904; and
- c. Authorize staff to market the event through the City website and social media outlets.

By consensus, the motion carried.

9) DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMISSIONER STIPEND

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES – March 20, 2017**

**Page 4**

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers regarding: whether Commissioners should get paid their stipend if they show up for a posted/scheduled meeting and the meeting is cancelled; the amount of time to wait for a quorum before cancelling the meeting; Commissioners should sign in to get paid; and possibly increasing the stipend.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, that Commissioners receive a stipend if they attend a posted/scheduled meeting and, due to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting is cancelled (i.e., lack of a quorum), amend the City Code regarding the amount of time to wait (i.e., 15 minutes) before cancelling a posted/scheduled meeting, and require a sign-in sheet for meetings. By consensus, the motion carried.

10) SELECTING AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN HOMELESS COMMITTEE WORKING WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER RAUL BOCANEGRA AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

Councilmember Ballin said she was recommending the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to participate in a homeless committee working with Assemblymember Bocanegra.

Due to expressed interest from three Councilmembers, it was suggested that City Clerk Chávez randomly draw names from a cup. By consensus, it was agreed that the names drawn (i.e., Mayor Gonzales, and Vice Mayor Fajardo) will be on the Ad Hoc Committee.

11) DISCUSSION REGARDING LETTER TO NORTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR JACK DALRYMPLE IN OPPOSITION OF THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

Vice Mayor Fajardo read a letter received from resident Evanne St. Charles urging that the City take a stance and voice support for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers.

At this time, Councilmember Soto exited the Council Chambers.

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Vice Mayor Fajardo, that Interim City Manager Kimball place an item on a future agenda regarding drafting a letter in opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline, including a possible boycott on doing business with firms involved in the construction of the pipeline.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES – March 20, 2017**

**Page 5**

Although Councilmember Soto stepped away during the roll call vote of this item, his desire was to vote in favor. City Attorney Olivarez stated that if there was no objection, the record would reflect a “yes” vote. There was no objection by Councilmembers.

**CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilmember Ballin provided information regarding a meeting held by the California Latino Water Coalition with State Treasurer John Chiang.

Vice Mayor Fajardo gave an update regarding a recent meeting with the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments and provided information on the LAUSD and Vista Del Valle Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Mayor Gonzales provided an update on the Library Commission and Library Book Mobile Program.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS - COMMISSION UPDATES**

Interim City Manager Kimball gave an update regarding the Ad Hoc meeting with LAUSD and Vista Del Valle School.

Recreation and Community Services Director Ismael Aguila gave an update regarding a recent Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission meeting.

City Clerk Chávez reported that the Education Commission will meet next Tuesday and that the scholarship application submittal deadline was extended to March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Soto congratulated Councilmembers for winning the election, provided comments regarding the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe letter, thanked Recreation and Community Services staff for the movies held at Las Palmas Park and enjoyed by the seniors.

Councilmember Ballin congratulated Mayor Gonzales and Vice Mayor Fajardo on the election and talked about boycotting any company involved with building the southern border “Trump” wall.

Vice Mayor Fajardo thanked those who assisted during the election and said it’s been an honor to serve. He suggested that Council be provided a timeline/spreadsheet on a regular basis to help keep track of past Council priorities, he thanked the Police Department for the “day of training” event, and he reported that he will agendize the upcoming LGBT event for the upcoming meeting.

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES – March 20, 2017**

**Page 6**

Mayor Gonzales thanked the community for their support (it was a team effort), reported graffiti behind the alley near the Chipotle restaurant, also thanked the Police Department for the amazing event last week and for assisting with providing hotel vouchers to a homeless family.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Interim City Manager Kimball also commented on the Police Department's training exercise event and reported that the City is a finalist for a website redesign award by the California Association of Public Officials.

City Clerk Chávez reported that Los Angeles County completed their final post-election night tally of ballots and will certify election results tomorrow. Consequently, the City Council is scheduled to adopt a resolution declaring election results on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (7:54 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:

Interim City Manager Nick Kimball  
Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello  
Interim Finance Director Sonia Garcia  
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

**B) PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT)**

G.C. §54957(b)(1)

Title of Position Under Consideration: City Manager

**C) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

G.C. §54956.8

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES – March 20, 2017**

**Page 7**

Property: 732 Mott Street, 700 Chatsworth Drive and 713 Chatsworth Drive,  
City of San Fernando  
Agency Negotiator: Interim City Manager Nick Kimball, Lead Negotiator  
Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello  
City Attorney Rick Olivarez  
Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla  
Negotiating Parties: Mission Community Hospital and Deanco Healthcare, LLC  
Craig B. Garner, Garner Health Law Corporation  
James K. Theiring, Chief Executive Officer  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment as it Relates to Leasing of Real Property

**D) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

G.C. §54956.8

Property: 800 Truman Street, City of San Fernando  
Agency Negotiator: Interim City Manager Nick Kimball, Lead Negotiator  
Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello  
City Attorney Rick Olivarez  
Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla  
Negotiating Parties: Ethel Fowler  
Melvin Fowler  
Leland Fowler  
Michael Overing  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment as it Relates to Leasing of Real Property

**E) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

G.C. §54956.8

Property: 208 Park Avenue, City of San Fernando  
Agency Negotiator: Interim City Manager Nick Kimball, Lead Negotiator  
Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello  
Recreation and Community Services Director Ismael Aguila  
City Attorney Rick Olivarez  
Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla  
Negotiating Parties: Barbara Tscherny, National Junior Tennis Program  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment as it Relates to Leasing of Real Property

**RECONVENE/REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (8:31 P.M.)**

Assistant City Attorney Padilla reported the following:

Items A and B – General direction was given to Interim City Manager Kimball but no final action was taken.

Item C – City staff provided City Council with a general overview of the negotiations to date. Staff received feedback but no final action was taken.

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES – March 20, 2017**

**Page 8**

Item D – This item was pulled (no discussion).

Item E – General direction was given but no final action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT (8:31 P.M.)**

Motion by Vice Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Soto, 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 March 20, 2017, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

---

*Elena G. Chávez, CMC  
City Clerk*