

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 16, 2017 – 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 6:05 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 Interim Community Development Director Jack Wong

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

DECORUM AND ORDER

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Kelsey Murphy spoke on behalf of Phoenix House and talked about their upcoming marathon run and asked for donations for shoes and running equipment.

Mel Wilson spoke in support of Item No. 5 and said that the rail project would be more efficient, will connect to other lines and improve the City in terms of economic development construction.

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Michelle Guijarro expressed concerns regarding the train crossing and said she recently experienced that the arm kept going up and down even though the train was going through.

CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Gonzales gave an update regarding Independent Cities Association, provided information regarding the Metro Service Council and briefly talked about the Metro Bus Performance Report, the Van Nuys North Platform Project and the Metro Bike/Bus Interface Study.

Regarding the recent Metropolitan Water District Board meeting, Mayor Ballin reported that she was unable to vote on the water fix item because the meeting notice was not posted at her location.

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Meyerhoff asked to pull Item No. 5 and Councilmember Soto pulled Item No. 4 for further discussion.

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF:
 - a) SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING
 - b) OCTOBER 2, 2017 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - c) OCTOBER 2, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING
 - d) OCTOBER 11, 2017 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO CONTRACT NO. 1869 WITH WILLDAN ENGINEERING FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR STREET RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS AND FEDERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON GLENOAKS BOULEVARD
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A PURCHASE ORDER TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING UNITS AT VARIOUS CITY FACILITIES UNDER THE NATIONAL JOINT POWER ALLIANCE (NJPA)
- 7) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR SAN FERNANDO DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT, TRUMAN STREET FROM BRAND

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BOULEVARD TO SAN FERNANDO MISSION BOULEVARD, FEDERAL PROJECT NO. TCSP-09CA(005), JOB NO. 7579, PLAN NO. P-750

By consensus, the motion carried

Items Pulled for Further Discussion

- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LETTER URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO CLOSELY REVIEW THE IMPACT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S PROPOSED 2018 GENERAL RATE INCREASE ON RATEPAYERS

Councilmember Soto offered a few changes to the letter and Councilmembers concurred.

Motion by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve a letter urging the California Public Utilities Commission to the closely review the impact of Southern California Edison's Proposed 2018 General Rate Increase on ratepayers, and include edits recommended by Councilmember Soto. By consensus, the motion carried.

- 5) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE METRO EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY TRANSIT CORRIDOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Finance Director Nick Kimball presented the staff report.

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers, staff, and the City's consultants regarding changes to the support letter including: additional language regarding aligning the bike path; a caveat regarding a mutually beneficial agreement (extended and flexible payment schedule); calculating the 30% project cost; work with Metro on the timing of the projects (i.e., include current projects that are part of the system and less than ½ mile from the proposed station that may be completed in advance of the rail).

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the Letter of Support, including the recommended changes, and authorize the Mayor to execute the letter for distribution and receipt by Metro prior to October 30, 2017. By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 8) DISCUSSION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES AND PROCEDURES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS CODE ENFORCEMENT

City Manager Meyerhoff presented the staff report and suggested that Council establish an Ad Hoc committee to work with the City Manager, or designee, to discuss the Code Enforcement activity in the City, including, but not limited to: community priorities; metric for enforcement;

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departmental procedures; administrative and criminal prosecution; receivership; and review of current cases.

Motion by Mayor Ballin, seconded Councilmember Gonzales, to establish an Ad Hoc committee (Fajardo and Lopez) to work with the City Manager, or designee, to discuss the Code Enforcement activity in the City. By consensus, the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS - COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Chávez gave an update regarding the upcoming Education Commission meeting.

Recreation Supervisor Maribel Perez reported that the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission will be discussing the Park Master Plan next month.

Cultural Arts Supervisor Virginia Diediker gave updates regarding the Indigenous Day, 5K Run, and Dia De Los Muertos events.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Fajardo thanked staff for their work on the phenomenal Indigenous Day event and he gave updates regarding recent meeting on the open streets event, County facility art selection and with Climatech Energy.

Councilmember Soto agreed that there was a good turnout at the Indigenous Day event.

Mayor Ballin said she was invited to a climate summit awards luncheon in Chicago and she thanked everyone for staying for this meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Meyerhoff gave updates regarding various meetings and activities that he has participated with staff and several organizations.

ADJOURNMENT (7:10 P.M.)

Motion by Vice Mayor Lopez, 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 October 16, 2017, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk