

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 20, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.  
ADJOURNED 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 6:01 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin, Vice Mayor Antonio Lopez, and Councilmembers Jaime Soto, Joel Fajardo, and Robert C. Gonzales (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)

Staff: City Manager Alexander P. Meyerhoff, 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 Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

**DECORUM AND ORDER**

City Attorney Olivarez provided a brief summary of the rules.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Yolanda Haro talked about an incident between her husband and Councilmember Soto and said that her husband was served with a restraining order.

Brent Bell, business owner, thanked staff for meeting with him to review his concerns regarding SP-5, is happy that his voice was heard, and asked that Council vote in favor of the item.

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Henry Romero talked about construction plans for his house and said it doesn't make sense that he can only have a 650 sq. ft. addition but his neighbor is allowed to build a 1,200 sq. ft. structure. Mayor Ballin directed Interim Community Development Director Jack Wong to assist Mr. Romero with his questions.

Alf Knudsen, business owner, said he was unable to meet with staff regarding his concerns pertaining to SP-5 and he talked about his concerns pertaining to Metro and the eminent domain situation. Mayor Ballin announced that Interim Community Development Director Wong would address his concerns during the discussion of that item.

### **CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilmember Gonzales gave a recap of the meeting held between the Ad Hoc Committee on the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor (he and Vice Mayor Lopez) and key Metro staff (including the Project Management and Real Estate Acquisition teams) in which they discussed a number of critical issues. He will continue to provide the City Council with updates.

Mayor Ballin reported that L.A. Mayor Garcetti recently met with city mayors regarding Metro and it was made clear that San Fernando is not interested that Metro take any City property. She talked about the CVS Pharmacy groundbreaking event and a recent event held by the Department of Child Services Foster Care.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- 1) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER AREA (ULARA) GROUNDWATER BASIN COST SHARING AGREEMENT FOR WATERMASTER SERVICES AND WATERMASTER-RELATED LEGAL SERVICES BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER, THE CRESCENTA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, AND THE CITIES OF GLENDALE AND BURBANK

By consensus, the motion carried.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 2) CONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT FOR SECOND READING ORDINANCE NO. 1671 WHICH APPROVES THE SAN FERNANDO CORRIDORS SPECIFIC PLAN, SP-5 AND RELATED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AND MAP AND WAIVER FURTHER READING AS TO THE SAME

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City Attorney Olivarez announced that Councilmember Fajardo would recuse himself from this discussion due to a conflict of interest (he lives within 500' of the project area).

*At this time (6:25 p.m.), Councilmember Fajardo exited the Council Chambers.*

Mayor Ballin reported that the City Council received oral and written comments from members of the public at the meetings of November 20 and December 4, 2017 (members of the public who spoke at the November 20 meeting were also allowed to speak again on December 4).

Interim Community Development Director Wong provided a brief presentation, summarized the action taken at the last meeting, and replied to questions from Councilmembers. He reported that there was a typo in the SP-5 document and that the change should reflect that in the Maclay District, the public Open Space requirement is 150 square feet per dwelling unit.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez, to approve and adopt for second reading Ordinance No. 1671 which approves the San Fernando Corridors Specific Plan, SP-5 and related amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance Text and Map and waive further reading as to the same. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES:	Gonzales, Lopez, Ballin – 3
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Soto – 1
RECUSE:	Fajardo – 1

*At this time, Councilmember Fajardo returned to the Council Chambers.*

**DEPARTMENT HEADS - COMMISSION UPDATES**

City Clerk Chávez gave an update pertaining to the Education Commission and briefly talked about the Principals Brunch event and the scholarship program.

Police Chief Vairo talked about the Annual Christmas Basket Program and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Soto thanked Chief Vairo for the Christmas Basket Program, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy holidays, and said that although we all have our opinions, it's important to work together and move the City forward.

Councilmember Gonzales talked about implementation of Metro tap cards, talked about Item No. 2 and thanked Interim Community Development Director Wong, the public, and everyone that assisted, and wished everyone happy holidays.

*At this time (6:57 p.m.), Councilmember Soto left the meeting.*

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Vice Mayor Lopez wished staff and City Attorney Olivarez happy holidays.

Councilmember Fajardo thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and the people of Alabama for making a wise choice in their recent election. He also said that he hopes to introduce an agenda item regarding a recount process (in case of close elections in the City) and wished all happy holidays.

Mayor Ballin also talked about the Transit Oriented District (TOD) project (Item No. 2) and acknowledged the professionalism and level of work done by Interim Community Development Director Wong and the City's consultant Sargent Town Planning. She thanked City Manager Meyerhoff and Department Heads.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

City Attorney Olivarez wished everyone a Merry Christmas and said he wanted to thank and recognize Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla for all of his work and input on the TOD project.

City Manager Meyerhoff thanked staff for the great work they've done this year and said he's very proud to be part of the organization.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (7:01 P.M.)**

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

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

Designated City Negotiators:

City Manager Alexander P. Meyerhoff  
Finance Director Nick Kimball  
Personnel Manager Michael Okafor  
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/REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (8:15 P.M.)**

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City Attorney Olivarez reported that the Council received a briefing from the City's negotiators, direction was given, but no final action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT (8:15 P.M.)**

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned.

*I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of December 20, 2017, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Elena G. Chávez, CMC*  
*City Clerk*