

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**AUGUST 20, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Antonio Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Present:

Council: Vice Mayor Antonio Lopez, and Councilmembers Joel Fajardo, Jaime Soto (arrived at 6:10 p.m.) and Robert C. Gonzales

Staff: City Manager Alexander P. Meyerhoff, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

Absent: Mayor Sylvia Ballin (previously notified staff that she would be on vacation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Nick Kimball

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations were made:

- a) CERTIFICATES TO THE SPONSORS AND KEY PARTICIPANTS FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT
- b) PRESENTATION BY TREVOR M. RICHMOND, DEPUTY CHIEF BUREAU COMMANDER, LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS VALLEY BUREAU

DECORUM AND ORDER

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Jude Hernandez talked about the lack of street parking and the growing population of the City and believes that future parking issues need to be addressed (a study should be done).

Mary Mendoza spoke highly of Community Services Supervisor Juan Salas, inquired about the traffic accident on Brand Blvd., expressed disappointment regarding the lack of notification to residents and businesses regarding filming, asked that that Council be considerate of audience members waiting to speak on Public Hearing issues and not make them wait so long, and inquired about ethics and conflict of interest training for commissioners.

CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Soto gave updates regarding the Ad Hoc Committees that he serves including the recent meeting of the Fire Dept Ad Hoc Committee with Vice Mayor Lopez and Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Nick Kimball.

Councilmember Fajardo also gave an update regarding the Ad Hoc Committees he serves.

Councilmember Gonzales gave an update regarding the Veterans Ad Hoc Committee and the Independent Cities Association.

Vice Mayor Lopez gave update regarding the Ad Hoc Committee meeting with Councilmember Soto.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
 - a. JULY 2, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING
 - b. AUGUST 6, 2018 – SPECIAL MEETING

- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER

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- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CYCLE 8 TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS GRANT AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO WILLDAN ENGINEERING TO DESIGN THE PROJECT, FEDERAL PROJECT NO. H8-07-046
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO CAFETERIA PLAN AND SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION DOCUMENTS
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR SAN FERNANDO ROAD STREET IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN WEST CITY LIMIT AND SOUTH HUNTINGTON STREET, CDBG PROJECT NO. 601882-17 JOB NO. 7599, PLAN NO. P-724
- 7) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 7883 RESCINDING PRIOR RESOLUTION NO. 7346 AND FURTHER AMEND THE PROCEDURAL MANUAL REGARDING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 8) CONSIDERATION TO DETERMINE A CITY POSITION ON THE 2018 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES RESOLUTIONS

City Manager Meyerhoff presented the staff report and discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers. By consensus, Council agreed to move the item to the following meeting to allow additional time to review the item.

- 9) REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE CITY'S UNFUNDED PENSION AND RETIREE HEALTH BENEFIT LIABILITIES AND STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE FUNDING LEVELS

Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Kimball presented the staff report and replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Vice Mayor Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, that staff:

- a. Put together a Request for Proposals (RFP) to analyze pension costs and propose funding strategies, bring back to City Council for review and selection of the firm;
- b. Begin engaging in the research and purchase on pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) forecasting software applications;

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- c. Cite the data on the PowerPoint presentation and post the CalPERS actuarial on the City’s website; and
- d. Bring back additional information (provide a presentation) on potential savings for refinancing the City’s unfunded liability tail.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Gonzales, Fajardo, Soto, Lopez – 4
ABSENT: Ballin – 1
NOES: None

10) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE REQUIRED TO MEET THE CITY’S OBLIGATION TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Kimball presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to adopt Resolution No. 7882 establishing the amount necessary to be raised by taxation for the City’s annual payment to the California Public Employees’ Retirement System; fixing the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 at \$0.227340 per \$100 of assessed valuation; and levying that tax rate upon all taxable property in the City. By consensus, the motion carried.

11) CONSIDERATION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A LETTER TO METRO REQUESTING CERTAIN SPECIFICATIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DESIGN OF THE MACLAY LIGHT RAIL STATION

Vice Mayor Lopez gave a brief report and suggested that Councilmembers provide their comments and feedback to staff no later than Wednesday so that the letter would be sent to Metro by Friday.

12) DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEES

A brief discussion ensued and Councilmembers suggested moving Mayor Ballin’s item to the next meeting since she was not present.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian J. Venegas provided departmental updates and invited Councilmembers to attend the rededication of Layne Park on Saturday.

Director of Community Development Timothy Hou reported that his staff will participate in the Chamber of Commerce event on August 23, his department would be hosting the American Planners Association event on August 30, and said he met with the newest Planning Commissioner Ivan Gonzalez who is excited to join the Commission.

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City Manager Meyerhoff reported that the City had a successful bulky item event.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Gonzales gave an update regarding Independent Cities Association activities and reported that National Night Out was a great event and everyone had fun.

Councilmember Soto talked about homelessness and asked if there were resources on City's website for families, he also talked about subcontracting a police motorbike program, and asked to create an Ad Hoc Committee entitled Streets, Transportation, and Public Safety. By consensus, there was no objection to appointing both Councilmember Soto and Vice Mayor Lopez to the Ad Hoc. In response to his inquiry, Chief Vairo provided information regarding an earlier five-car accident involving the City's street sweeper.

ADJOURNMENT (9:18 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember 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 August 20, 2018, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk*