

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**MARCH 4, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Joel Fajardo called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, Vice Mayor Sylvia Ballin, and Councilmembers Robert C. Gonzales, Antonio Lopez, and Hector A. Pacheco

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Director of Community Development Timothy Hou

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Fajardo stated that the order of the items would be changed to 10, 11, Presentations, Consent Items, 7, then as listed.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

10) CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT A PLANNING AND PRESERVATION COMMISSIONER

Councilmember Pacheco made a motion to appoint Hector Pacheco Sr. as his representative to the Planning and Preservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin and was approved by consensus.

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11) CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT A PARKS, WELLNESS, AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER

City Clerk Chávez read a statement from Pastor Sandra Richards who said she was honored to be nominated but regrets that she could not attend the meeting (teaches class on Monday nights).

Councilmember Pacheco made a motion to appoint Sandra Richards as his representative to the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin and was approved by consensus.

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations were made:

- a) PRESENTATION BY GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
- b) PRESENTATION BY METROLINK – PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE TO ENHANCE SAFETY AT RAIL/PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS
- c) INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRINCIPAL – AMY TRINIDAD, MISSION CONTINUATION HIGH SCHOOL

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Arturo Garcia, field representative for Assemblymember Luz Rivas, provided district information and updates on their activities.

Chief John Drake, Los Angeles Fire Department Operations Valley Bureau, introduced himself and made brief comments.

CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Gonzales reported that the Independent Cities Association will be hosting webinars for member cities and gave an update regarding the San Fernando Valley Metro Service Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

At this time, Councilmember Pacheco stepped away.

Motion by Vice Chair Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the following Consent Calendar Items:

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- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
 - a. NOVEMBER 21, 2016 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - b. FEBRUARY 19, 2019 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - c. FEBRUARY 19, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES BLOOD DRIVE WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE AND THE USE OF THE CITY SEAL

By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

- 7) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT TO URBAN FUTURES, INC. TO DEVELOP COST PROJECTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS THE CITY’S PENSION AND OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT LIABILITIES

During discussion of this item, Councilmember Pacheco returned to the Council Chambers.

Julio F. Morales, Director, Urban Futures, Inc. made a presentation and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to:

- Award a professional services contract to Urban Futures, Inc. (Contract No 1907) to develop cost projections and recommendations to address the City’s Pension and Other Post Employment Benefit liabilities;
- Authorize the City Manager to make non-substantive changes and execute the Agreement; and
- Direction that the study also include incorporating a study of the City’s deferred maintenance and analyze our credit downgrade; and to continue the Ad Hoc’s work on this item through its completion.

By consensus, the motion carried.

- 4) CONSIDERATION OF DOWNTOWN SAN FERNANDO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ASSET ANALYSIS PRESENTATION

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Director of Community Development Hou presented the agenda item and introduced Ken K. Hira, President of Kosmont Companies. Both replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers and staff.

Per Council direction, Director of Community Development Hou reported that staff would develop a scope of work and fee schedule with Kosmont Companies for further study and future Council approval, regarding the following:

- Explore potential sites for theater/entertainment development
- Conduct analysis of existing Mall assessment fees and alternatives
- Share case studies of communities where Parking Business Improvement Districts (PBIDs) either worked or did not
- Analyze feasibility/benefits of closure of Celis Street, between Mission Blvd. and Maclay Avenue, or between Mission Blvd. and Brand Blvd.
- Analyze options for reducing parking requirements
- Define alternative means to meet parking requirements, e.g. ride sharing offers, etc.
- Share details on state legislation that may counter local control on development
- Explore in greater detail an opportunity for telecommunications revenue generation
- Analyze what incentives, from the three case studies presented, are most suitable for San Fernando

5) PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017-2018 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

During this presentation, both Mayor Fajardo and Councilmember Gonzales stepped away and returned.

Senior Accountant Sonia Garcia made the presentation and City Manager Kimball also spoke.

Discussion item only; no action taken.

6) PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018-2019 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW AND FY 2019-2020 BUDGET KICKOFF

City Manager Kimball presented the agenda item and replied to questions from Councilmember Pacheco.

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to adopt Resolution No. 7905 amending the City's FY 2018-2019 Budget to include the proposed changes. By consensus, the motion carried.

8) CONSIDERATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE PROJECT FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE GLENOAKS BOULEVARD BRIDGE OVER THE PACOIMA CREEK

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Director of Public Works/City Engineer Yazdan Emrani presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers and each provided input and comments.

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve Alternative No. 2 (i.e., Fencing as Interim Solution) pursuant to the agenda report. By consensus, the motion carried.

9) **DISCUSSION REGARDING OVERVIEW OF LEGAL AUTHORITY AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS RELEVANT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE**

Assistant City Attorney Padilla presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers and each provided input and comments.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to delegate an Ad Hoc Committee (Ballin and Pacheco) for further study and to bring back to City Council.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Police Chief Anthony Vairo reported that the Homeless Connect Event was successful he gave an update regarding a new Police Officer who starts on March 19.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas said that the next park improvements meeting will be held at Rudy Ortega Park and reported that the public may provide comments and input pertaining to all City parks.

Director of Community Development Hou said he is pleased to announce a new planning intern, Alexandra Clingman, from Cal State University, Northridge who will begin tomorrow.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Yazdan Emrani gave an update regarding the Glenoaks Blvd. repair project and said that he attended the Metropolitan Water District meeting and that the Governor is in favor of the Water Fix Project with one tunnel.

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GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Both Councilmembers Gonzales and Pacheco thanked staff for their work.

Vice Mayor Ballin said it was a pleasure working with this productive City Council and asked City Manager Kimball to provide a list of all the projects that the City Council has asked staff to work on (include Ad Hoc members) and estimated timeline for each.

Mayor Fajardo also thanked staff members for their presentations and said that he spoke with City Manager Kimball regarding a possible 2020 ballot measure to increase the sales tax in San Fernando so that if there's a County tax measure, the City's will supersede it.

ADJOURNMENT (9:48 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, 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 4, 2019, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk*