

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**APRIL 2, 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 6:03 p.m.

Present:

Council: Vice Mayor Antonio Lopez, and Councilmembers Joel Fajardo 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 and Councilmember Jaime Soto

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Police Chief Anthony Vairo

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

The following presentation was made:

- a) DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH – APRIL

**DECORUM AND ORDER**

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

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**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Maria Miranda, Las Palmas (LP) Park Senior Club member, talked about their board meetings, “missing money”, and price increases regarding their mothers’ and fathers’ day events.

Martha Lucero. LP Park Senior Club member, said the Club is becoming more like a country club, and although the \$5 for events may not seem like a lot to some, but for others on a pension, it is. She thanked Councilmember Fajardo for donating \$1,500 for their Mothers’ Day dance.

Carmen Basore said that some of the members do not have food at home, come to the park to eat, and she talked about the lack of the quality of the food.

Marco Tulio Escobar said he used to be the treasurer for the LP Park Senior Club and (without evidence) was accused of stealing, and he talked about the issues with the membership.

Maritza Duarte, LP Park Senior Club member, talked about the price increases to attend their events and wants to know who is approving the changes and not seeking input from the seniors.

Fred Olivas said he, too, was accused of stealing and that City staff helped the Club’s board of directors kick him out. He asked what is the board doing with the money; they used to go on various trips for free but not anymore.

Benita Rivera said they started the Club with nothing and it brings her much sadness that things are becoming more expensive.

Cuauhtemoc Torres said they were having problems with money, etc., until the City stepped in and gave them rules to follow.

Michelle Guijarro is glad that signs are down on First Street offered to pay for five Club members/mothers to attend the dance.

City Clerk read an email from resident Humberto Quintana who provided comments regarding Item 6 and said that the purpose of his letter was not to oppose the zone text amendment in its entirety, but rather provided amendments that, he believes, would safeguard the community.

**CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES**

Councilmember Fajardo gave an update regarding the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments.

Councilmember Gonzales provided updates regarding activities of the Independent Cities Association.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2018 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS 18-032 AND 18-041 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTERS OF MARCH 19, 2018 AND APRIL 2, 2018, RESPECTIVELY
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT 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
- 4) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CLERK EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT TO BRING BENEFITS PACKAGE IN LINE WITH CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT TO TERRA FORM, INC. FOR THE LAYNE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

By consensus, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 6) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT AMENDING SECTION 106-6 (DEFINITIONS) OF ARTICLE I (IN GENERAL) OF CHAPTER 106 (ZONING) OF THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE ADDED CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATING LOT AREA WITHIN R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONES

Vice Mayor Lopez declared the Public Hearing open.

Director of Community Development Timothy T. Hou presented the staff report and replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Vice Mayor Lopez called for public testimony; there were no public comments.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to close the Public Hearing. By consensus, the motion carried.

A brief discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers.

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Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to continue the public hearing to allow for additional vetting on the item as proposed in the public comments. By consensus, the motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 7) REVIEW OF PRIOR YEARS' CITY-WIDE STRATEGIC GOALS AND CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES AND WORK PROGRAM DISCUSSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

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

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers and each provided input.

By consensus, Councilmembers agreed to finalize the list (perhaps by the next meeting); each to forward to staff their list of items that had been previously discussed and approved but not included; and staff to incorporate all onto one list.

- 8) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE VICTIMS OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to adopt Resolution No. 7843 commemorating the victims of the Armenian Genocide, to continue to add this item annually as a Consent Calendar item. By consensus, the motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS - COMMISSION UPDATES**

City Clerk Chávez reminded all about tomorrow's Special Primary Assembly District 39 election and provided information regarding the polling places and City Hall check-in center.

Director of Community Development Tim Hou gave updates regarding the Planning and Preservation Commission activities.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Fajardo thanked all who participated in the successful Open Streets Event. He suggested ideas to make people aware (including our seniors) of upcoming budget meetings so they could advocate for their interests.

Councilmember Gonzales also thanked everyone who assisted with the Open Streets Event, said it was an amazing event with 7,000-10,000 attendees, and hopes the City can do this again next year.

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Vice Mayor Lopez said he enjoyed the event as well, had not seen anything like this happen in the City, and he thanked all who participated put it together.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Police Chief Vairo gave an update regarding the Baker to Vegas event and provided an update regarding recruitments.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas reported that staff will be meeting with the Santa Rosa League Board and the parents.

Deputy City Manager/Finance Director Kimball provided information regarding the upcoming budget study sessions/meetings and reported that Payroll Technician Monica Miramontes would be retiring and announced that part-time employee Adriana Alaniz would be her replacement.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Yazdan T. Emrani gave an update regarding the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Board of Governors symposium he attended. He also reported that TreePeople would be holding a tree planting event on Saturday.

**ADJOURNMENT (7:45 P.M.)**

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to adjourn the meeting in memory of Pomona Police Officer Gregg Casillas and Stephen Hawking. By consensus the motion carried.

*I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of April 2, 2018, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Elena G. Chávez, CMC  
City Clerk*