

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 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 6:03 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo and Councilmembers Mary Mendoza, and Hector A. Pacheco

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

Absent: Vice Mayor Sylvia Ballin and Councilmember Robert C. Gonzales

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Personnel Manager Michael Okafor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentation was made:

a) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH - OCTOBER

City Manager Kimball also introduced Interim Director of Public Works Martin Pastucha who said a few words and was welcomed by Councilmembers.

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Carrie Castro, Tutcint Youth Empowerment, invited everyone to their upcoming open house event at the Tutcint Center on November 12th.

Makha Blu Walk-Paw talked about the Tutcint Youth Empowerment Program, their partnership with the City, the \$1 million grant received from the State, and distributed information regarding their upcoming events.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve the Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SAN FERNANDO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO UPDATE THE CITY’S LOCAL MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS AND THE CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL FOR FUNDING SUPPORT OF THE MARIACHI MASTER APPRENTICE PROGRAM (MMAP)
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TO ACCEPT A GRANT FOR MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR POLICE DESK OFFICERS

By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 7) DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CANNABIS AD HOC COMMITTEE AND DIRECTION REGARDING A RELATED BALLOT MEASURE

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City Manager Kimball presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmembers discussed the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation and directed staff to report back (at the next meeting) with a number of possible ballot questions to ban certain marijuana business activities in the City; ranging from banning retail sales only to banning all marijuana related business activities.

8) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO MERGE THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AND THE PARKS, WELLNESS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas presented the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive full reading of Ordinance No. 1689, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, Repealing Division 2, (Cultural Arts Commission) of Chapter 2 "Administration" and Amending Article II, (Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission) of Chapter 54, (Parks and Recreation) of the San Fernando Municipal Code" and also clarify that murals will stay within the purview of the City Council. By consensus, the motion carried.

9) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE GREEN CITY PHOTO CONTEST AND THE USE OF THE CITY SEAL

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to:

- a. Approve the Co-Sponsorship of the California State University, Northridge (CSUN) Green City Photo Contest;
- b. Approve the use of the City seal on the print material and social media pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 6904;
- c. Authorize use of the City seal for all future CSUN Green City events, with City Manager approval; and
- d. Staff to add an item regarding "Earth Day" as a Consent item at the next meeting.

By consensus, the motion carried.

10) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES FOR CITY DOCUMENTS

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Mayor Fajardo gave background information and his experience with DocuSign. City Attorney Padilla talked about California law regarding electronic signature transactions and staff was directed to report back regarding a policy, or ordinance, to implement such a program.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas gave updates regarding the Veterans Banner Reveal Program, the upcoming Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission meeting, and provided a recap regarding the Dia de Los Muertos event.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Hou gave updates on the citywide parking management master plan project and reported that staff will be at UCLA tomorrow recruiting for planning interns for upcoming year.

City Manager Kimball thanked staff for their response during the Edison power outage last week, also thanked Mr. Hou for stepping in during his absence, and reported that the State would be releasing PSPS grant funds to install permanent generators at City parks to make certain that services continue during emergencies.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Mendoza reported that the Las Palmas Park Senior Club acknowledged veterans Salvador Torres, Raul Corea, Luis Martinez, William Vasori and Rudy Calderon.

Mayor Fajardo reported that the second grader, who wrote him a letter, was invited to the next Council meeting to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance, thanked both Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas for the Dia de Los Muertos event and Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Hou for his exemplary work during City Manager Kimball's absence. He requested that the meeting close in memory of City Manager Kimball's grandfather Olaf Garcia.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (7:10 P.M.)

A) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

G.C. §54957.6

Designated City Negotiators:

City Manager Nick Kimball

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

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San Fernando Police Civilian Association
San Fernando Part-time Employees' Bargaining Unit (SEIU, Local 721)
All Unrepresented Employees

B) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

G.C. §54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: Trini Godoy v. City of San Fernando

LACSC Case No: BC717137

RECONVENE/REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (7:31 P.M.)

Assistant City Attorney Padilla reported the following:

Item A – The City Manager provided an update, feedback was given by City Council, but no final action was taken.

Item B – The City Council voted (3-Yes, 0-No) to approve the terms of the settlement with plaintiff Godoy in the amount of \$67,500 and co-defendant Los Angeles County in the amount of \$22,500. The details of the current settlement will be written up by special legal counsel Dan Alderman and that document will be available as a public record.

ADJOURNMENT (7:33 P.M.)

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Pacheco, to adjourn the meeting in memory of Olaf Garcia. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of November 4, 2019, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk