

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 20, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
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 6:08 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin, Vice Mayor Antonio Lopez (arrived 6:12 p.m.) and Councilmembers Jaime Soto, Joel Fajardo, and Robert C. Gonzales

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Public Works Management Analyst Kenneth Jones

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Fajardo requested to table Items No. 7 and 8 until the next City Council meeting.

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

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentation was made:

- a) RECOGNITION OF POLICE RESERVE OFFICERS AND CITY VOLUNTEERS

DECORUM AND ORDER

City Attorney Olivarez provided a brief summary of the rules.

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PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Maria Calleros, SEIU Local 721, thanked all volunteers for helping to make the City, great, discussed a proposal submitted by the City, and asked for fairness in Council's consideration.

Frank Avila asked for Council's support of the current and future MOU with City employees and fairness, going forward.

Lauren Guerra, Public Works employee, expressed gratitude for her job, noted challenges and stated they are just asking for their fair share including continued healthcare, contract protection and a fair, living wage.

Patty Lopez spoke in support of contract negotiations for City employees and asked Council to promote women's rights.

Ruben Quintana, SEIU Local 721, spoke in support of City employees and urged Council to be fair in contract negotiations.

Mary Mendoza asked for an update on the JC Penney apartment project.

CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Gonzales gave updates regarding the Library Commission.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez, to approve the Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SALARY SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE THE NEGOTIATED MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES FOR CERTAIN PART-TIME CLASSIFICATIONS
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INDEPENDENT CITIES RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (ICRMA) GOVERNING BOARD

By consensus, the motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING

5) **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ANNUAL GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2015 AND 2016**

Interim Community Development Jack Wong gave the staff report.

Mayor Ballin opened the Public Hearing.

There were no questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Ballin invited public comments.

Mary Mendoza understood the City already met its affordable housing requirements and asked for clarification.

There being no further comments Mayor Ballin closed the public comment portion of Public Hearing.

Councilmember Soto stated he is not in a position to vote on this matter as more time is needed to study the large volume of information.

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez, to approve staff's recommendation to:

- a. Approve the General Plan Housing Element Annual Progress Reports for the Calendar Years 2015 and 2016; and
- b. Authorize staff to forward the 2015 and 2016 Housing Element Annual Progress Reports to the California Department of Housing and Community Development and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

6) **CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS CERTIFYING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SCH NO. 2015121088 AND APPROVING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN TEXT AND MAP, AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SAN FERNANDO CORRIDORS**

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SPECIFIC PLAN SP-5 AND RELATED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AND MAP

City Attorney Olivarez announced Councilmember Fajardo may have a conflict of interest and as an abundance of caution, advised him to recuse himself from the item.

At this time, Councilmember Fajardo exited the Council Chambers and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

Mayor Ballin opened the Public Hearing.

Interim Community Development Director Wong gave the staff report along with David Sargent, Sargent Town Planning.

Discussion followed regarding preserving the historic value of the City, considering how traffic will be rerouted, mitigating existing businesses with additional housing and keeping existing uses, definition of live-work units, proposed changes in the Land Use element, allowing business owners to rent out their living units, using the CUP process to ensure compatibility of businesses and living units and results of the traffic study and traffic circulation, the need to consider public safety and input, and efforts for developing market-rate housing and promoting home-ownership.

Mayor Ballin referenced the large volume of information and suggested the need for more time for Councilmembers to review, and she recommended continuing the item to a future meeting. Additionally, she suggested placing a public notice in The Sun newspaper, of the continued Public Hearing.

Brief discussion followed regarding including notice of the meeting in water bills and notices sent to date relative to the TOT workshops.

Mayor Ballin invited comments from the public.

Brent Bell, business and property owner on First Street, discussed continuing his business but expressed concerns that heavy industrial zones will be eliminated, and his property and business will lose value.

Alf Knudson, representing a business on First Street, spoke in support of another coffee shop on First Street; expressed concerns with limitations to operating hours and reported Metro will "eminent domain" many of the properties on First Street.

Ron Hernandez, business and property owner on First Street, stated he has never been notified of workshops, discussed Metro Link's intention to obtain property through eminent domain, spoke in opposition to the project, and urged Council to take its time to consider all aspects of the project and listen to the community.

Mary Mendoza expressed concerns regarding increased densities in the City, questioned whether the public hearing notice was published in the newspaper, urged Council to preserve the

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industrial areas of the City, referenced a Development Advisory Committee, and agreed with the need to continue the item to allow resident input and for Council to make an informed decision.

City Manager Meyerhoff addressed noticing, the number of notices mailed, posting and distribution of the agenda.

Discussion followed regarding requirements or environmental justice and allowing specific uses to continue in the future.

Motion by Mayor Ballin, seconded by Commissioner Soto, to direct staff to mail notices of the Public Hearing to City water customers and continue the Public Hearing to the next regular City Council meeting of December 4, 2017.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

The following items were removed under Approval of Agenda.

- 7) GENERAL DISCUSSION OF DEVELOPMENT ISSUES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS, DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, AND OTHER TOPICS OF COMMUNITY CONCERN OR INTEREST
- 8) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE REGULATION OF BEHESTED PAYMENTS

DEPARTMENT HEADS - COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Chávez reported that the Education Commission will be holding their regular meeting next Tuesday to continue discussions regarding the scholarship program.

Recreation Supervisor Maribel Perez discussed the next meeting of the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Commission.

Cultural Arts Supervisor Virginia Diediker gave updates regarding upcoming events in the Recreation and Community Services Department.

Interim Community Development Director Wong provided a brief overview of his efforts in obtaining a grant from the Strategic Growth Council.

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GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Soto thanked everyone for attending the meeting, addressed efforts for fundraising to help areas of disaster, hoped to form an ad hoc committee to review Fire Department policies for disaster preparedness, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Vice Mayor Lopez wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Ballin wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Meyerhoff thanked City staff involved in interviews for the Parks, Wellness and Recreation Services Director and the Community Development Director recruitment.

ADJOURNMENT (9:40 P.M.)

Motion by Vice Mayor Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to adjourn the meeting in memory of those requested. By consensus, the motion carried.

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

Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk