

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**APRIL 15, 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 6:10 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, Vice Mayor Sylvia Ballin (left at 6:33 p.m.), and Councilmembers Antonio Lopez, and Hector A. Pacheco

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

Absent: Councilmember Robert C. Gonzales

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Local Girl Scout Troup 1096

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

Mayor Fajardo reported that Item Nos. 3 and 10 would be moved up and asked if there were audience members who wished to speak on either item. There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN URGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 106 OF THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH UPDATED STANDARDS AND REGULATORY PROCESSES RELATED TO WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

Mayor Fajardo declared the Public Hearing open.

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Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Timothy Hou presented the staff report.

Mayor Fajardo called for public testimony; there were no public comments.

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to close the Public Hearing. By consensus, the motion carried.

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

- a. Waive full reading and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1687 by title only, “An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, Amending Division 13 (Wireless Telecommunications Facilities) of Article VI (General Regulations) of Chapter 106 (Zoning) of the San Fernando Municipal Code to Establish Updated Regulations and Procedures Related to Wireless Communications Facilities, and Declaring the Urgency Thereof, In Accordance with Government Code Sections 36934 and 36937.” and
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 7912 for approval of policy for small wireless facilities

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 10) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SYLVIA BALLIN TO THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

City Manager Kimball gave a brief report.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to adopt Resolution No. 7913 appointing Sylvia Ballin as City Council liaison to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board effective May 1, 2019. By consensus, the motion carried.

At this time (6:33 p.m.), Vice Mayor Ballin departed the Council Chambers

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations were made:

- a) CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – STUDENT OF THE MONTH
 - Kevin Romero – CCLA ArTES High School

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Mayor Fajardo noted Mr. Romero was not in attendance and announced the item will be tabled to a future City Council meeting.

- b) DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH – APRIL
- c) SPECIAL OLYMPICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN
- d) MEASURE EE – QUALITY TEACHER, CLASS SIZE REDUCTION, AND LOCAL SCHOOL SAFETY

The aforementioned presentation will be made upon the arrival of Los Angeles Unified School District Board Member Kelly Gonez (District 6).

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Ruben Quintana, President, San Fernando Public Employees Association, referenced Items No. 7 and 8 and expressed concerns regarding assessments and outsourcing and requested additional information to present to members of the Association.

Joe Ruelas reported people are parking on corners of intersections thereby, reducing visibility for others and asked if the City would consider painting corner areas red to prohibit parking. He noted incidences of double parking are increasing and suggested increased enforcement of parking regulations.

Bruce Aronson discussed his commute from the City of Santa Clarita and asked about the possibility of synchronizing traffic signals to improve traffic flow.

CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 2018-002 AND TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 2018-002 LOCATED AT 1001 GLENOAKS BOULEVARD, SAN FERNANDO, CA 91340 (LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 2515-016-017)

By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

**4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT PROJECT LIST TO RECEIVE SENATE BILL 1:
ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION FUNDS**

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Yaz Emrani presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to:

- a. Accept \$407,203 in Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) funds and approve project list for the SB 1 Local Streets and Roads Program; and
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 7911 adopting the list of projects for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

By consensus, the motion carried.

**6) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE LEASE AND MEMORANDUM OF LEASE WITH
THE WILDHORSE FOUNDATION, INC., FOR THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT
828 HARDING AVENUE**

Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Hou presented the staff report. Both he and City Manager Kimball replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion followed regarding tenant improvements, upcoming actions related to programming, impacts to the park, terms of the lease and options for extensions and termination clauses. It was noted the use of the premises is not exclusive and programming will be in partnership with the City. Ensuing discussion pertained to a 10-year lease versus a 20-year lease, giving the City the ability to opt out with sufficient notice and compensation, and getting clarity relative to shared uses with the City and programming.

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

- a. Approve a Lease (Contract No. 1911) and Memorandum of Lease by and between the City and The Wildhorse Foundation, Inc., for the City-owned Property at 828 Harding Avenue, subject to two five-year optional extensions to be mutually agreed upon and a provision is added within the document that references an MOU between the City and the Wild Horse Foundation for rights related to programming and the City's ability to use it if the facility is being underutilized, and
- b. Authorize the City Manager to make non-substantive changes and execute all related documents.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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AYES: Pacheco, Lopez, Fajardo – 3

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ballin, Gonzales – 2

5) **CONTRACT STATUS UPDATE: SOLID WASTE FRANCHISE SERVICES**

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Emrani introduced Republic Services representatives Francella Aguilar, David Cannon, and Tanya Ragland who made a presentation and replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion followed regarding improving education throughout the community, including a link in the City's website regarding recycling, ensuring contract compliance, potential contract changes in the future, using social media to promote recycling, and the possibility of issuing a survey to businesses.

Staff was directed to return to City Council with additional recommendations and with information regarding payments to Councilmembers from Republic.

No formal action was taken on this item.

PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

d) **MEASURE EE – QUALITY TEACHER, CLASS SIZE REDUCTION, AND LOCAL SCHOOL SAFETY**

Los Angeles Unified School District Board Member Kelly Gonez (District 6) made a presentation regarding Measure EE and invited members of the community to attend to their Second Annual Picnic in the Park and School Fair on April 27, at Branford Park in Pacoima.

Flora Mendoza-Werner, Principal, San Fernando High School, expressed her support for Measure EE and addressed new hires and programs implemented at the school to better meet the needs of students.

Councilmembers thanked Ms. Gonez for her work in being an advocate for the community and Mayor Fajardo reported that staff will return to Council with a resolution in support of Measure EE.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

7) **RECEIVE A PRESENTATION REGARDING THE EXISTING ASSESSMENTS PAID BY DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES**

Mayor Fajardo announced Items No. 7 and 8 would be heard, concurrently.

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

Discussion followed regarding refocusing on pedestrian areas, adding striping and resurfacing parking lots, appropriating funds from the General Fund to a separate line item for landscaping, installing drought-tolerant landscaping, using City resources for maintenance tasks, adding value to the services provided by the City, and Code Enforcement activity in the area.

8) RECEIVE A PRESENTATION REGARDING PROPERTY BASED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (PBID)

City Manager Kimball introduced Steve Gibson, President, Urban Place Consulting, and deferred to him for a staff report.

Mr. Gibson presented details of the report regarding property based improvement districts. He and City Manager Kimball replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion followed regarding the difference between a tax and an assessment, passing assessment costs to customers, votes determined by the amount of the assessment, the importance of getting the right mixes/sizes of areas, the City's retention of control and power, the success of PBIDs, benefits of reworking the Mall Association agreement versus implementing a PBID, the possibility of displacing City staff, and the need to begin the process to obtain additional details and data.

Ensuing discussion pertained to continuing the item until the next Council meeting to allow for consideration by the full City Council and petitioning property owners to gauge their interests and preferences.

Mayor Fajardo announced the item would be continued to the next City Council meeting, without objection.

9) DISCUSSION OF MECHANISMS FOR CITY COUNCIL TO RECEIVE TIMELY INFORMATION REGARDING PLANNING COMMISSION DECISIONS AND FOR STAFF TO PROVIDE REGULAR UPDATES TO CITY COUNCIL ON CURRENT CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY

Mayor Fajardo made a brief presentation and suggested developing "mini minutes" that summarize decisions made by the Planning Commission.

Assistant City Attorney Padilla addressed the feasibility of including tax or benefits the City would receive from projects considered by the Planning Commission and noted the Planning Commission and Council's decisions are constrained by the City's Municipal Code and tax revenue would not be proper grounds for initiating an appeal.

Discussion followed regarding exploring whether additional time, beyond ten days, could be established for Council to initiate an appeal of a Planning Commission decision.

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Mayor Fajardo reiterated his request for a summary of Planning Commission decisions and that Council be provided notice of building permits issued and/or projects under construction.

Discussion followed regarding considering best practices from other cities and the possibility of scheduling Planning Commission meetings on alternating weeks so that Council has the full benefit of 13 days to review Planning Commission actions and submit appeals. Brief discussion ensued regarding the possibility of live-streaming Council meetings.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

At 10:14 p.m., Councilmember Pacheco briefly stepped away for one minute (quorum lost).

Mayor Fajardo called for a brief recess and reconvened the meeting with three Councilmembers present.

Police Chief Anthony Vairo provided updates on police officer recruitment, provided information regarding the Tip-a-Cop Fundraiser, Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics on May 2, and the Special Olympics Tri-Valley Swimming on May 4.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian J. Venegas announced Breakfast with the Bunny on April 20, at the Spring Jamboree and invited the community to attend.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Hou reported that on May 6, staff will present to Council an opportunity to accept a Sustainable Communities grant awarded to the City by Southern California Association of Governments for the Parking Management Master Plan.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Emrani reported all positions within Public Works have been filled and thanked Council, Department Heads, and colleagues for the opportunity to serve the City and work with him.

City Manager Kimball reported that staff will reach out to each Councilmember to schedule one-on-one meetings regarding Kosmont Companies previous presentation and obtain additional information, budget discussions will be begin in May, and he thanked Director of Public Works/City Engineer Emrani for his service, and reported recruitment for the position will begin soon.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Pacheco discussed continuing to work on Film L.A. contract, expressed his condolences for the residents of Paris, France in relation to the burning of Notre Dame and thanked City staff for their work.

Councilmember Lopez thanked Director of Public Works/City Engineer Emrani and wished him well and thanked City staff for their hard work.

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At Mayor Fajardo's request, City Attorney Padilla clarified direction relative to the Wild Horse item. He thanked Director of Public Works/City Engineer Emrani and wished him well and thanked City staff for their work.

ADJOURNMENT (10:24 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Pacheco, 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 April 15, 2019, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk