

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**APRIL 2, 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 6:02 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, Vice Mayor Sylvia Ballin, and Councilmembers Robert C. Gonzales, Antonio Lopez, and Hector A. Pacheco (arrived at 6:07 p.m.)

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian J. Venegas

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Fajardo reported that Item No. 11 would be moved up before Presentations.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Fajardo asked if there were audience members who wished to speak on the following item that was moved up on the agenda; there were no public comments.

- 11) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND APRIL 24, 2019 AS DENIM DAY

Councilmember Gonzales gave a brief presentation.

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Melody Kospoden, Peace Over Violence, discussed the Denim Day campaign and thanked Council and the City for declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and April 24, 2019 as Denim Day.

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

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 7908 declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and April 24, 2019 as Denim Day; and
- b. Approve including an annual resolution declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and one Wednesday in April as Denim Day on the City Council Consent Agenda.

By consensus, the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations were made:

- a) RECOGNITION OF HOMELESS CONNECT DAY VOLUNTEERS AND VENDORS
- b) METRO'S ON THE MOVE RIDERS PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS
- c) SAN FERNANDO HIGH SCHOOL LADY TIGERS WRESTLING TEAM 2019 CIF GIRLS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Dee Akemon commended Council conducting organized, efficient meetings and encouraged residents to attend Neighborhood Watch meetings.

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

CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES

Vice Mayor Ballin discussed her presentation to the Kinder Class at O'Melveny Elementary School.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
 - a. APRIL 2, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING
 - b. MARCH 18, 2019 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - c. MARCH 18, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE VICTIMS OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM LABORATORY QUALIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT VEHICLE DONATIONS FROM PETRELLI ELECTRIC, INCORPORATED
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE LABOR NEGOTIATOR SERVICES

By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 7) 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)

Mayor Fajardo declared the Public Hearing open.

Gerardo Marquez, Associate Planner, presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Fajardo called for public testimony.

Mary Mendoza spoke positively regarding the project and expressed concerns regarding visitor parking.

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

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Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1686 “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, approving a Zone Change 2018-002 and Tentative Tract Map 2018-002 for the development of a six-unit condominium project within the existing C-1 Limited Commercial Zone which is proposing to change to Multiple Family R-2 Residential Planned Development Zone located at 1001 Glenoaks Boulevard”, the project will remain a six-condominium project and will not be converted to any other use, including rental use, without modification approved by the Planning Commission or the City Council, as appropriate.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

8) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018

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

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, approve the General Plan Housing Element Annual Progress Report for the Calendar Year 2018; and authorize staff to submit the 2018 Housing Element Annual Progress Report to the California Department of Housing and Community Development and the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research, and direct staff to return to City Council with a plan to meet the very-low units and a report as to whether some of the existing low units can be converted to very-low units. By consensus, the motion carried.

9) CONSIDERATION OF REGULATORY OPTIONS FOR RENT CONTROL, RENT STABILIZATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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

City Manager Kimball summarized potential elements of a rent control program as discussed by Council including a maximum allowable rent-increase provision, a landlord/tenant mediation provision, definition of "just cause" evictions, increased notification of rent increases, regular rental inspections and exploring an emergency ordinance with the possibility of implementing a moratorium. A suggestion was made for staff to explore how much the City can outsource the dispute resolution process, the need for including an educational component and making sure rentals are properly registered as businesses.

Direction was given to staff and there was no action taken on this item.

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- 10) CONSIDERATION TO REVIEW THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOB SPECIFICATION AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REVISED JOB SPECIFICATION FOR THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Ballin, to adopt Resolution No. 7910 approving a revised job specification for the Director of Finance; review the existing job specification for the Director of Public Works; and authorize the City Manager to make non-substantive edits and execute all related documents as necessary, and including verbal changes as discussed. By consensus, the motion carried.

- 12) DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL MANUAL, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES

Mayor Fajardo discussed details of changes to the City Council Procedural Manual with staff; City Manager Kimball presented the agenda item and Assistant City Attorney Padilla also provided input in terms of City Attorney services.

Discussion ensued regarding clarification of specific provisions and changes and staff replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Staff will return with a resolution for Council's approval and a list of recommended practices, pending additional suggested changes.

Direction was given to staff and there was no action taken on this item.

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas announced that as part of Nature for All, there will be a workshop at Las Palmas Park on April 4, a family hike at the Angeles Forest on April 6, and reported that the Master Mariachis Apprentice Program will be performing at San Fernando High School on April 7.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Yazdan Emrani talked about the Regional Park Infiltration Project noting the City is actively seeking grants for its implementation. He reported at the recent Upper L.A. River Subregion Group, the project was selected as a semi-finalist for addition to the Leadership Group, competing for Department of Water Resources funds.

Director of Community Development Hou announced their third planning intern, a student, Tamara Santoyo, studying Urban Planning at the University of Southern California and noted an upcoming Planning and Preservation Commission meeting on April 3.

City Manager Kimball announced Director of Public Works/City Engineer Emrani's last day with the City will be April 19, discussed a transition plan, and reported that Director of Community Development Hou has been appointed Deputy City Manager.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Pacheco said he was thankful and blessed to be a member of the City Council for the City had stated he is hopeful regarding the City's progress.

Councilmember Lopez thanked staff for their hard work.

Councilmember Gonzales congratulated Director of Public Works/City Engineer Emrani and Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Hou on their new positions.

Vice Mayor Ballin and Mayor Fajardo congratulated Deputy City Clerk Cynthia Alba for being accepted into the Master's in Public Administration Program at the University of Southern California as well as Director of Public Works/City Engineer Emrani and Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Hou on their new positions.

ADJOURNMENT (9:21 P.M.)

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Mayor Fajardo, 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 2, 2019, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk*