

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**MAY 21, 2018 – 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 6:03 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin (left the meeting at 6:59 p.m.), Vice Mayor Antonio Lopez, and Councilmembers Joel Fajardo (left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.), Jaime Soto and Robert C. Gonzales

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Nick Kimball

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations were made:

- c) MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH – MAY
- a) USE OF EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE IN RESTAURANTS IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

Vice Mayor Lopez announced Mayor Ballin had to leave on a personal matter and took over the meeting.

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- b) NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK – MAY 20-26
- d) NATIONAL POLICE WEEK – MAY 13-19
- e) TREE CITY USA RECOGNITION

DECORUM AND ORDER

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Walid Haddad, Founder and CEO, VeryHuman, discussed his organization's work in helping people living with HIV/AIDS, announced their third annual health fair in skid row, and offered to meet with Councilmembers to discuss some of his ideas.

Patty Lopez expressed concerns regarding lack of security in City parks and the growing number of homeless individuals, inquired about the Mayor's and Councilmembers' process for addressing community concerns, and urged everyone to work together.

Erika Goodwin, San Fernando Library, presented an updated schedule of upcoming programs at the facility.

Michael Remenih acknowledged the Police Chief's comments in connection with National Police Week and noted police officers put their lives on the line, every day.

CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Gonzales gave updates regarding the Independent Cities Association recent actions.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2018 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018-2019

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- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER AND DEPUTY CITY TREASURER TO INVEST SURPLUS FUNDS
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT WITH LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE LABOR NEGOTIATOR SERVICES
- 6) CONSIDERATION OF FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018-2019 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LLAD) APPROVAL OF ENGINEER'S REPORT AND SETTING THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING
- 7) CONSIDERATION TO APPROPRIATE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FUNDS FOR THE COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS UPGRADE PROJECT
- 8) CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) AND MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION COMMITTEE (MSRC) FOR THE PACOIMA WASH BIKEWAY PROJECT
- 9) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE HOMELESS CONNECT DAY AND THE USE OF THE CITY SEAL

By consensus, the motion carried.

By consensus, Item No. 11 was moved up on the agenda at the request of Councilmember Fajardo.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 11) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVING AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT CITY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS AND PERMIT CONDITIONS

Assistant City Attorney Padilla gave the staff report and replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion followed regarding prohibiting the consumption of alcohol near playgrounds and other specific facilities, needing to develop a fee structure, requiring security, regulating events through the conditional use permit process, forming an ad hoc committee to work further on the item to develop an ordinance that addresses all points, and return to Council with recommendations.

Vice Mayor Lopez declared the Public Hearing open.

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Ruben Rodriguez, Executive Director, Pueblo y Salud, agreed with some of the concerns raised, spoke about his organization's fight against drug and alcohol abuse, addressed liability issues including proximity to sensitive areas and spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Patty Lopez thanked the City Council for considering this issue, discussed crime in the City, said she has observed gambling and drinking at the parks and during baseball games, security should be assigned to the parks, and talked about the importance of maintaining a relationship with residents and responding to their concerns.

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

Vice Mayor Lopez recommended returning the matter to the Parks and Recreation Commission for their input, consider their recommendations, and form an ad hoc committee to study the matter further.

Discussion followed regarding commercial sales of alcohol, Council's and the ad hoc committee's ability to obtain community feedback without going back to the Parks and Recreation Commission, the issue being a City-wide issue and the number of liquor licenses being granted, costs related to notification of residents, and the need to set specific regulations.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to form an ad hoc committee (Fajardo and Gonzales) to obtain public input and bring forward recommendations for an ordinance to City Council, and a notice to be published in The Sun.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

10) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS IN DESIGNATED ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION PARKING STALLS AND ADOPT RELATED FEES

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Yazdan T. Emrani presented the staff report and replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Vice Mayor Lopez declared the Public Hearing open.

Discussion ensued amongst Councilmembers and staff regarding considering potential future land uses, costs and the proposed rate structure, determining usage and volume, determining parking time limits and the possibility of offering incentives to taxis or Uber/Lyft riders.

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.

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Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to:

- a. Introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1676, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, Amending Article IV (Stopping, Standing and Parking) of Chapter 90 (Traffic and Vehicles) of the San Fernando Municipal Code by the Addition of a New Division 9 (Electric Vehicle Charging Stations) to Regulate the Parking in Designated Electric Vehicle Charging Station Parking Stalls;”
- b. Accept and approve fee structure for public use of City-owned Electric Vehicle Charging Stations;
- c. Adopt Resolution No. 7857 establishing a schedule of rates for the use of City-owned Electric Vehicle Charging Stations;
- d. Allow the adjustment of fees when deemed necessary; and
- e. Amend to approve setting a parking time limit to reflect the maximum time allowed within the surrounding area and if none, to a maximum of four hours.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

12) FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018-2019 BUDGET STUDY SESSION NO. 1

By consensus, this item was pulled and rescheduled to a study session on May 29, at 4:30 p.m.

13) REQUEST FOR AN UPDATE REGARDING PROPAGANDA AND FLIERS CODE ENFORCEMENT

Councilmember Soto requested to table this item to the next City Council meeting.

14) REQUEST FOR AN UPDATE REGARDING ICE CREAM TRUCK VENDOR OPERATIONS REGULATION

Councilmember Soto asked for an update regarding the status of regulations of ice cream trucks.

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla noted there is no ordinance at this time, but offered to return at a future meeting with recommendations including limits to operating hours.

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Councilmember Soto asked staff to look into the regulation of hours of operation during the week, on weekends and during summers, for ice cream truck vendors and consider emissions regulations.

Discussion followed regarding forming an ad hoc committee to study the issue.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Soto, to form an ad hoc committee (Soto and Ballin) to study the issue of regulating ice cream truck vendor operations.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

At this time, Councilmember Fajardo left the meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEADS - COMMISSION UPDATES

City Clerk Chávez reminded everyone of the Education Commission’s 3rd Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony and gave an update regarding the June 5th Statewide Primary Election.

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas gave updates regarding the Santa Rosa Youth Athletic Program and the Senior Club at Las Palmas Park and addressed a recent Senior Expo.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Soto discussed City Attorney Rick Olivarez's obligation to attend City Council meetings.

At this time (8:46 p.m.), Councilmember Soto left the meeting and the quorum was lost.

ADJOURNMENT (8:46 P.M.)

The meeting was adjourned due to lack of a quorum.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of May 21, 2018, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk*