

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**JANUARY 6, 2020 – 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 6:08 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco, and Councilmembers Robert C. Gonzales, and Mary Mendoza

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

Absent: Councilmember Sylvia Ballin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Director of Finance J. Diego Ibañez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Fajardo inquired about a possible “walk-on” item pertaining to creating an Ad Hoc to address the retirement of City Clerk Chávez. City Attorney Padilla reported that it did not quite meet the urgency requirement and suggested agendaing for the next meeting.

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

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations were made:

- a) RECOGNITION OF POLICE OFFICERS DEPLOYED AT THE SAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING INCIDENT ON NOVEMBER 14, 2019

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- b) CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR POLICE OFFICERS THAT ASSISTED WITH THE EMERGENCY DELIVERY OF A NEWBORN CHILD

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Dee Akemon said she was concerned about how Black & White Towing was treated at last month's meeting, and said she's been "hearing rumors" about the Police Department and Police Chief and wants the City Council show support.

Mark Villasenor spoke in favor of Item No. 5 regarding the City Council letter in support of the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians' application for Federal Acknowledgement.

Nelson Miyer talked about an issue they came across when remodeling their house; they removed a 5' fence and when attempting to replace it, were told that the City only allows a 3' fence.

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

Michael Remenih said that it was brought to his attention that, at the next meeting, Councilmembers want to bring up who has authority over the Police Department and Police Chief, talked about a recall, and said that a lot of people "will not take this sitting down."

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Gonzales pulled Item No. 3 for further discussion.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2020 FORD ESCAPE S FWD UTILITY VEHICLE

By consensus, the motion carried.

Item Pulled for Further Discussion

- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS REGULATING THE PARKING OF VEHICLES ON CITY-OWNED AND CITY-OPERATE OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES

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Interim Director of Public Works Martin Pastucha presented the staff report. He, City Manager Kimball, and Police Chief Anthony Vairo replied to questions from Councilmembers.

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 7970 regulating the parking of vehicles and uses of City-owned and City-operated off-street parking facilities;
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 7971 amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Adopted Budget; and
- c. Staff to work with the business community and formulate an overnight parking permit program.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Gonzales, Mendoza, Fajardo – 3
NOES: Pacheco – 1
ABSENT: Ballin 1

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

The following items were moved out of order.

- 5) CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE FERNANDEÑO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS TO PROVIDE A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the draft letter in support of the Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians' application for Federal Acknowledgement and to allow any Councilmember, who so chooses, to sign on to the letter. By consensus, the motion carried.

- 4) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1691 AMENDING CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW ARTICLE VIII (ELECTRONIC RECORDS AND SIGNATURES) ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC/DIGITAL SIGNATURES

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

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to introduce for first reading, in title only, and waive full reading of Ordinance No. 1691 "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, Amending Chapter 2 (Administration) of the San Fernando

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Municipal Code by the Addition of a New Article VIII (Electronic Records and Signatures) Establishing a Policy for the Use of Electronic/Digital Signatures.”

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported that the Parks, Wellness, and Recreation Commission would be meeting on January 14.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Community Development Hou reported that the Planning and Preservation Commission would be meeting on January 13, and said that staff released a request for developer qualifications regarding Parking Lot No. 3.

Interim Director of Public Works Martin Pastucha gave updates regarding the 2018-19 Street Resurfacing Project, the Glenoaks Blvd. Project, said two new part-time maintenance workers started today, and the Transportation and Safety Commission will be meeting on January 8.

City Manager Kimball said he looks forward to working with City Council in 2020, reported the first quarter will include: long-standing labor issues that will come to a conclusion, Measure A Town Hall meeting, Special Election regarding Measure MJ, and staff will be getting started on the budget process soon.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Mendoza hopes everyone had a joyous and peaceful New Year.

Councilmember Gonzales gave updates regarding the Census Ad Hoc Committee, Independent Cities Association annual conference, the San Fernando Metro Valley Service Council, and said he’s working with staff to have Metro make a presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Pacheco thanked his colleagues and staff, said great progress and achievements were made in 2019 and hopes the same for 2020, is grateful for the service from Black & White Towing (noted it is Council’s obligation to scrutinize any and all contracts that the City enters into), encouraged voters to thoroughly learn about issues, and talked about the vacation of Celis St. and the development of Parking Lot No. 3.

Mayor Fajardo said 2019 was great and expects 2020 will be better, echoed Vice Mayor Pacheco’s comments regarding Black and White Towing, thanked City Clerk Chávez for her

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years of service, will bring an item back to create an ad hoc pertaining to City Clerk recruitment, and talked about comments made pertaining to the Police Chief reporting to City Council.

In response, City Manager Kimball reported there was miscommunication regarding the Police Chief item and will provide Council with information as to what other cities do and best practices.

ADJOURNMENT (7:24 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, 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 January 6, 2020, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk*