

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 15, 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 6:02 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Sylvia Ballin, Vice Mayor Antonio Lopez and Councilmembers Jaime Soto and Joel Fajardo

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

Absent: Councilmember Robert C. Gonzales (notified staff that he would not make the meeting)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Meyerhoff requested to remove Item Nos. 7 and 8 and to move up Item Nos. 9 and 10 prior to the Public Hearing.

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

PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations were made:

- a) CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION – GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT TRUSTEES NINAMARIE BALLIN HERRERA AND RAYMIN HERRERA

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Director of Public Works/City Engineer Yazdan Emrani announced that the City finally got the permit to begin operation of the nitrate treatment system. He stated that it was a priority for him, a culmination of a lot of hard work, and said that a ribbon cutting ceremony would be scheduled soon.

DECORUM AND ORDER

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Joe Ruelas is in favor of changing Maclay Ave. to honor the Tataviam Tribe but a complete study needs to be done beforehand, he talked about the condition of Harding Ave. and that the increase in homes on Foothill Blvd. will create lots more traffic and damage to our streets.

Jaime Soto asked that Council take a comprehensive look at City Attorney costs and job performance and said that he has failed the City and taxpayers.

Michael Remenih said he felt compelled to respond to Councilmember Soto's "ranting diatribes" and talked about his absences, the sexual harassment lawsuit filed against him, and believes there's a solution - the election is in two weeks.

CITY COUNCIL - LIAISON UPDATES

Regarding Metropolitan Water District (MWD), Mayor Ballin reported that for the first time, a woman of color, Gloria D. Gray, has been elected as Chair of the Board. She said that she attended her last meeting but would be at the next MWD meeting to introduce the City's new representative, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Emrani.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF:
 - a) OCTOBER 1, 2018 – SPECIAL MEETING
 - b) OCTOBER 1, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING

- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER

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- 3) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
- 4) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSITION 6

By consensus, the motion carried.

The following items were moved up on the agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 9) CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT CITY COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Mayor Ballin gave a brief report.

Motion by Vice Mayor Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo, to appoint Director of Public Works/City Engineer Yazdan Emrani as City Council liaison to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board effective November 13, 2018.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

- 10) DISCUSSION REGARDING A PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP WITH VALLARTA SUPERMARKETS FOR THE SAN FERNANDO TREE LIGHTING FESTIVITIES

City Manager Meyerhoff presented the staff report and Councilmembers provided brief comments.

Staff will report back with additional information; no action was taken.

RECESS (6:28 P.M.)

Mayor Ballin announced that the City Council would recess to continue with the Special Meeting Closed Session discussion.

At this time Councilmember Soto left the Council Chambers.

RECONVENE (7:01 P.M.)

PUBLIC HEARING

- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE CURRENT 2016 EDITION CITY OF LOS ANGELES BUILDING STANDARDS CODES AND FIRE CODE

Mayor Ballin declared the Public Hearing open.

City Manager Meyerhoff gave a brief presentation and introduced Building and Safety Supervisor Francisco Villalva who presented the staff report.

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

Motion by Vice Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to close the public comment portion of the Hearing. By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez, to waive second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 1682, “An Ordinance of the City of San Fernando, California, Amending Article VII of Chapter 18 of the San Fernando City Code, Adopting by Reference Division II of Chapter 1 of the 2016 edition of the California Building Code, which is codified in Part 2 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations; the 2017 edition of the City of Los Angeles Building Code, as in Effect on December 30, 2016; the City of Los Angeles Electrical Code, as in Effect on December 30, 2016; the 2017 edition the City of Los Angeles Mechanical Code, as in Effect December 30, 2016; the 2017 edition of the City of Los Angeles Plumbing Code, as in Effect December 30, 2016; the 2017 edition of the City of Los Angeles Residential Code, as in Effect December 30, 2016; and the 2017 edition of the City of Los Angeles Green Building Code, as in Effect December 30, 2016, which are Codified in Articles 1, 1.5, 3, 4, 5 and 9 of Chapter IX of the City of Los Angeles Municipal Code, including appendices, amendments, additions and deletions thereto; and amending Article II of Chapter 38 of the San Fernando City Code, adopting by reference the City of Los Angeles Fire Code, as in Effect May 30, 2017, which is codified in Article 7 of Chapter V of the City of Los Angeles Municipal Code, including appendices, amendments, additions and deletions thereto.”

By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

- 6) CONSIDERATION TO ESTABLISH A MEASURE “A” COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance Nick Kimball presented the staff report and replied to various questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion ensued regarding the Measure “A” Community Advisory Committee, the proposed by-laws, duties, and composition of the Committee. By consensus, it was agreed that staff will report back.

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The following items were removed under Approval of Agenda.

- 7) PARKING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE
- 8) DISCUSSION REGARDING SPONSORING A RECORD EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC AT RECREATION PARK

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

Director of Recreation and Community Services Venegas reminded everyone of the upcoming Dia de Los Muertos 5k Relay Run/Walk Event on October 27.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Lopez thanked Public Works Department for handling the fallen trees due to winds.

Mayor Ballin also thanked Public Works, Police and staff for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT (7:24 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez, to adjourn. By consensus the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of October 15, 2018, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Elena G. Chávez, CMC
City Clerk