

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 6, 2014 – 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, Mayor Pro Tem Robert C. Gonzales, and Councilmembers Jesse H. Avila, Joel Fajardo, and Antonio Lopez

Staff: City Manager Brian Saeki, City Attorney Rick R. Olivarez, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Police Explorer Alfredo Mendoza

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Saeki requested to postpone Item No. 10 since the staff member presenting the item had to leave due to an emergency.

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, to approve the agenda with the change. By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Linda Campanella Jauron spoke in support of Item No. 12 and noted benefits in financial relief to the City.

John Blue spoke about exercising in the City's regional pool to recover from West Nile Virus, spoke positively about the lifeguards, noted they have been concerned about the pool's management transition and desire to continue their employment at the pool and discussed the need to review the pool maintenance contract.

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Mayor Ballin stated that she wanted to be present for public comments, but was leaving due to a serious auto accident she was involved in.

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales chaired the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales pulled Item No. 7 stating that he would have to abstain since he is on the César Chávez Committee.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Items:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 14-1001 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 2) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS REQUIRED FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 3, 2015
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MARTIN & CHAPMAN CO. FOR SERVICES RELATING TO THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 3, 2015
- 4) REVIEW OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND CONSIDERATION TO INSTALL STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF KALISHER STREET AND PICO STREET
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL GRANT TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S MARIACHI MASTER APPRENTICE PROGRAM
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A POLICY PERTAINING TO CITY COUNCIL IDENTIFICATION BADGES AND BUSINESS CARDS

By consensus, the motion carried.

Item Pulled for Further Discussion

- 7) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH PUEBLO Y SALUD FOR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS AT THE CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ MEMORIAL

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

- a. Approve the City partnership with Pueblo Y Salud; and

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- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (Contract No. 1762) with Pueblo y Salud Inc. to begin fundraising efforts for the César E. Chávez Memorial.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, Avila, Fajardo – 3
NOES: None
ABSENT: Ballin – 1
ABSTAIN: Gonzales – 1

PUBLIC HEARING

- 8) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1638 AMENDING THE CITY’S WATER CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – SAN FERNANDO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 94, ARTICLE III, DIVISION IV

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales declared the Public Hearing open.

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion followed regarding the effective date of the ordinance and the public notification process.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales called for public testimony.

John Blue asked about how the public will be notified about the process.

There were no further comments and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales closed public testimony.

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

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

- a. Introduce for first reading (in title only) and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1638 “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, Amending Chapter 94 (Utilities), Article III (Water), Division 4 (Wastage) of the San Fernando Municipal Code” to comply with the State Water Resources Control Board emergency regulations for statewide water conservation; and
- b. Approve Resolution 7642, updating the City’s Water Conservation Policy, declaring a water emergency and implementing a comprehensive City conservation plan at Phase I.

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The motion carried with the following vote:

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

9) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1636 RELATED TO THE STATUTORY MAXIMUM FOR CITY COUNCILMEMBER’S SALARY

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales declared the Public Hearing open.

Finance Director Nick Kimball presented the staff report and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales called for public testimony.

John Blue spoke in support of the item.

There were no further comments and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales closed public testimony.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, seconded Councilmember Avila, to close the Public Hearing. By consensus, the motion carried.

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to introduce for first reading (in title only) and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1636 “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Fernando, California, Amending Section 2-31 (Council Members – Salary) of Division 1 (Generally) of Article II (City Council) of Chapter 2 (Administration) of the San Fernando City Code of Ordinances Relating to City Council Member Salaries”.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

10) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1637 ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS

Item was removed under Approval of Agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 11) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA HERO PROGRAM (FINANCING FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS)

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Marcarello presented the staff report.

Liza Gray gave a brief presentation and replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion followed regarding concerns about the ability of residents to refinance, the number of cities that have adopted the program, comparisons with the L.A. County residential HERO program and programs that can run concurrently with the subject program.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Lopez:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 7640 authorizing the City's participation in the California HERO Program, which will enable property owners to finance permanently fixed renewable energy and water efficiency improvements, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure on their properties; and
- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Western Riverside Council of Governments Joint Powers Agreement (Contract No. 1764) adding the City of San Fernando as an associate member, which will allow local property owners to participate in the California HERO Program.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

- 12) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE SAN FERNANDO POOL FACILITY

City Manager Saeki presented the staff report.

John Wicker, Chief Deputy Director, County of Los Angeles Parks & Recreation replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Discussion followed regarding program offerings, program/class schedules, fee structure and free programs, children's programs, expected savings to the City, planned improvements to the pool, maintenance of the facility, security and continuing to employ existing lifeguards.

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Ensuing discussion pertained to getting community input regarding programs and ensuring existing lifeguards keep their jobs.

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Avila, to approve a Lease Agreement (Contract No. 1766) between the City of San Fernando and the County of Los Angeles for the operation of the San Fernando Pool Facility and authorize the Mayor to execute the Lease Agreement.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Avila discussed the Planning and Preservation Commission and Transportation and Safety Commission noting they are eager to be much-more involved in the City.

Councilmember Lopez addressed San Fernando Metro Council including fare increases and escalator safety.

Councilmember Fajardo announced that the Tree Commission will be meeting next week and noted the first Chamber of Commerce event was a success.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales discussed the ICA and an upcoming event by the East San Fernando Transportation Corridor.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales reopened public comments.

John Arroyo recommended that all lifeguards receive CPR training.

There were no other speakers and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales closed public comments.

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Avila confirmed lifeguards are trained in First Aid and CPR and thanked staff and County representatives for negotiating the pool license agreement.

Councilmember Fajardo discussed the 5K Relay and reported he was appointed to the LAUSD Commission on Human Relations, Diversity and Equity.

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Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales thanked staff for their hard work and encouraged the public to participate in the 5K Relay.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Saeki thanked Council for its work and reported he will be participating in the 5K Relay.

Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Ismael Aguila encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming 5K Relay.

ADJOURNMENT (7:17 P.M.)

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of October 6, 2014, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Cynthia Alba
Deputy City Clerk/Management Analyst