

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 17, 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 6:03 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, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Police Explorer Samantha Martinez

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

John Arroyo expressed concerns regarding the poor condition of streets in the City, including water leaks and potholes on Seventh, Maclay, Griswold, and Newton streets and spoke about the possibility of State grants to fund repairs.

Andrew Hugo reported his mother was recently cited for having a basketball system on their driveway, noted it has been there for over ten years without complaints and presented a petition of 22 signatures from surrounding neighbors indicating the basketball system is not a nuisance and in support of it.

Albert Hugo distributed copies of photos of the area, described the street, existing conditions, and use of the basketball system and hoped Council will allow it to stay in place.

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City Manager Saeki stated he will work with the Hugos to resolve the matter.

Rev J. Andie Wilson, noted he was invited by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales and spoke about a fundraising initiative, Blanket the Southland, to provide 1,000 blankets to the homeless in San Fernando Valley and Skid Row and asked for the City's support.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Ballin pulled Item No. 4 for further discussion.

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

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 14-112 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 2) ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1637 ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS
- 3) CONSIDERATION TO REAPPOINT CITY COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT
- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO PLACE A CHARTER AMENDMENT ON THE MARCH 3, 2015 BALLOT PERTAINING TO LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION DATES
- 6) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A WATER DIVISION SERVICE TRUCK
- 7) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA TO UTILIZE THE SAN FERNANDO COURTHOUSE ROOF FOR PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
- 8) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES, RECYCLING AND RECOVERY
- 9) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SAN FERNANDO POLICE CIVILIAN ASSOCIATION

By consensus, the motion carried.

**Items Removed for Further Discussion**

4) CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOUSING-RELATED PARKS PROGRAM GRANT TO FUND RECREATION PARK IMPROVEMENTS

In response to Mayor Ballin's question, Community Development Director Fred Ramirez explained the item relates to the City's application for grant funding, based on affordable units already built, to fund Recreation Park improvements and the requirement for a resolution accepting the money the City has obtained.

Motion by Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 7658 to approve the acceptance of the 2013 California Department of Housing and Community Development Housing-Related Parks Program Grant in the amount of \$188,050 to fund Recreation Park improvements;
- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute Contract No. 1770 in order to receive the funding in the amount of \$188,050 to fund Recreation Park Improvements; and
- c. Adopt Resolution No. 7659 to increase the revenue and expenditures of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Fund 019 budget by \$14,327.

By consensus, the motion carried.

Battalion Chief Rick Combs gave an update of current deployments to prepare for fire season, discussed the recent promotion of captains and an event at the Pancake House, and spoke about the dangers of non-permitted home modifications.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

10) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT REGARDING RENAMING THE METRO NORTH HOLLYWOOD STATION AFTER LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

City Manager Saeki presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Avila, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, to approve a letter of support regarding renaming the Metro North Hollywood Station after Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky. By consensus, the motion carried.

11) 2014 HOLIDAY SEASON EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

City Manager Saeki provided the staff report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

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Discussion followed regarding existing job postings and potential impacts of the proposed closures.

By consensus, the item was approved.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION LIAISON UPDATES**

Community Development Director Ramirez gave an update on the TOD Overlay Committee recent and upcoming meetings, at the request of Councilmember Avila.

Councilmember Avila discussed impacts and getting more information out to residents, addressed the High Speed Rail project and suggested involving the Traffic Commission.

Councilmember Lopez spoke about people appointed to be at the meeting that did not show and asked that staff notify Councilmembers of their appointments, determine why they did not show and whether they want to continue on the commission. He reported on Metro's consideration of the East Transit Corridor and improvements being made at the North Hollywood Metro Station and discussed a meeting regarding High Speed Rail.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales presented an update regarding ICA noting they are planning for upcoming legislative trips to Sacramento; discussed the San Fernando Transit Corridor at San Fernando Park, addressed High Speed Rail and encouraged residents to inform themselves and get engaged.

Mayor Ballin provided an update on a recent MWD Committee meeting and addressed voter turnout on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Avila discussed the importance of public participation in government to get things done and the importance of resident input.

Councilmember Lopez encouraged residents to buy locally and asked for consensus from Council colleagues to give direction to staff review the City's current purchasing policies and improving them.

Councilmember Fajardo announced the Library Bistro is closing and encouraged residents to attend their final celebration.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales commended Public Works staff on their quick response to calls and discussed the Blanket the Southland initiative.

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Rev J. Andie Wilson provided testimony regarding the origin of the Blanket the Southland initiative.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales offered to purchase a pack of blankets and encouraged Council colleagues and residents to contribute to the cause.

Mayor Ballin commended staff on the success of the recent Diabetes Expo, addressed the Veterans Day Parade, an event at L.A. Care, spoke about the L.A. Cube and complemented Republic Services for their recent bulky-item pickup event.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello gave an update regarding the HERO including upcoming meetings and notifying the public about the different energy programs available.

City Manager Saeki congratulated Councilmember Avila on the birth of a new granddaughter.

**ADJOURNMENT (6:56 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 November 17, 2014, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Cynthia Alba*  
*Deputy City Clerk/Management Analyst*