

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**MARCH 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 Antonio Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Antonio Lopez, Mayor Pro Tem Sylvia Ballin, and Councilmembers Jesse H. Avila and Robert C. Gonzales

Staff: Interim City Manager Fred Ramirez, City Attorney Rick R. Olivarez, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

**PRESENTATION**

The following presentation was made:

- a) PERFORMANCE BY THE KADIMA CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC (YOUTH MUSIC EDUCATION GROUP)

**RECESS (6:07 P.M.)**

Mayor Lopez recessed the meeting in order to continue with the 4:30 p.m. Special Meeting item.

**RECONVENE (8:11 P.M.)**

Mayor Lopez reconvened the Regular Meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Lopez

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Ballin suggested tabling Item No. 3 to April 17, 2014. Interim City Manager Fred Ramirez provided responses to her questions (Mayor Pro Tem Ballin withdrew her request).

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

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Ron Hernández complained about the trash issue and asked that the City reconsider their choice of waste hauler.

Walt Dragaloski complained about his new refuse cost and believes that businesses should be able to negotiate with the hauler directly.

Rafael Garcia, Republic Services, reported that their company did not receive a list of businesses from Crown Disposal, only 50% of businesses in the Downtown Mall have signed up for services, and expressed concerned about the illegal dumping issue at the mall.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
  - a) FEBRUARY 3, 2014 – REGULAR MEETING
  - b) FEBRUARY 18, 2014 – SPECIAL MEETING
  - c) FEBRUARY 20, 2014 – SPECIAL MEETING
  - d) MARCH 3, 2014 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) REQUEST TO APPROVE WARRANT REGISTER NO 14-032

By consensus, the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 3) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR’S PROPOSED APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY’S VACANT POSITION ON THE OVERSIGHT BOARD TO THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE SAN FERNANDO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Interim City Manager Ramirez presented the report and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

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Motion by Mayor Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ballin, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Junior Accountant Sonia Gomez-Garcia to the Oversight Board to the Successor Agency to the San Fernando Redevelopment Agency to fill the currently vacant position pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34179(2). By consensus, the motion carried.

4) REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL – SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

City Clerk Chávez opened nominations for Mayor.

Councilmember Gonzales nominated Sylvia Ballin for Mayor; the motion was seconded by Mayor Lopez.

There being no other nominations for Mayor, City Clerk Chávez closed nominations and conducted a roll call vote.

For Sylvia Ballin as Mayor, the motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Avila, Gonzales, Fajardo, Ballin, Lopez – 5  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

City Clerk Chávez opened nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Lopez nominated Robert C. Gonzales for Mayor Pro Tem; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Avila.

\*Mayor Ballin nominated Joel Fajardo for Mayor Pro Tem; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Fajardo.

There being no other nominations for Mayor Pro Tem, City Clerk Chávez closed nominations and conducted a roll call vote.

For Robert C. Gonzales as Mayor Pro Tem, the motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, Ballin, Fajardo, Avila, Gonzales – 5  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

*\*No roll call vote taken.*

**CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

5) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE USE OF CITY SEAL FOR CROSS PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL FOR THE 2014 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

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Councilmember Lopez gave background on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales to approve use of the City Seal for cross promotional material for the 2014 Santa Clarita Valley Cinco de Mayo Celebration. By consensus, the motion carried.

**GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Avila thanked outgoing Mayor Lopez and congratulated new Mayor Ballin.

Councilmember Fajardo thanked the public for attending; thanked outgoing Mayor Lopez for his service and congratulated new Mayor Ballin and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales thanked outgoing Mayor Lopez for his service.

Mayor Ballin thanked City staff for their work.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Recreation and Community Services Operations Manager Ismael Aguila reported the Fernandño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians have been working on funding for programs for seniors and addressed upcoming events.

Interim Finance Director Rafaela King discussed the need to schedule upcoming Budget and Personnel Committee meetings to discuss the budget and presented a brief update on Measure A.

Councilmember Avila reported receiving a telephone call from Mariela Chavez thanking Council for helping her with Southern California Edison issues.

Interim City Manager Ramirez thanked Council for their help and outgoing Mayor Lopez for his work and efforts in moving projects forward.

**ADJOURNMENT (9:00 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 March 17, 2014, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Cynthia Alba  
Deputy City Clerk/Management Analyst*