

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**MARCH 23, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING**

City Hall Community Room
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Sylvia Ballin called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present:

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

Staff: City Manager Brian Saeki, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, and City Clerk Elena G. Chávez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilmember Avila

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Lopez, seconded by Councilmember Fajardo, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PRESENTATION BY COUNCILMEMBER JESSE H. AVILA

Councilmember Avila reported that his allocation of the Community Investment/Recycling Revenue Sharing Fund would be distributed to the following organizations and community programs: HELP – Portrait (\$1,000); Kiwanis Club of San Fernando – Shoe Give Away (\$1,000); San Fernando Police Department – Kids Swag (\$1,000); Golden Dreams – Senior Choir Group (\$500) and to Gridley Elementary – Special Needs Gardening Program (\$500).

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Renato Lira thanked Councilmember Avila for all of the hard work he has done for the City and requested that Sylvia Ballin continue to as Mayor.

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John Arroyo commended City Council candidates, reported he will miss Councilmember Avila, and sang America the Beautiful.

Henry Romero expressed concerns regarding service issues related to Consolidated Disposal Service and urged the City to address them.

Theale Haupt commended Councilmember Avila his work in improving the City and spoke in support of Councilmember Gonzales as Mayor and Councilmember Fajardo as Mayor Pro Tem.

Michael Remenih commended Councilmember Avila for his work in improving the City and voiced support for rotating mayors so that every Councilmember has the opportunity to serve as Mayor.

Richard Arroyo thanked Councilmember Avila for his service, thanked those who helped with the reopening of the Lopez Adobe, and spoke in support of a Historical Commission to work closely with the Cultural Arts Commission.

Robert Ortega commended Councilmember Avila for his service and discussed the importance of working as a team.

Tom Ross, President of the Downtown Association and Chamber of Commerce, congratulated Councilmember Avila for his service and announced upcoming events in the City.

ELECTION 2015

1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE MARCH 3, 2015, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

City Clerk Chávez presented the staff report.

Motion by Councilmember Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to adopt Resolution No. 7668 declaring the results of the March 3, 2015 General Municipal Election. By consensus, the motion carried.

2) OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS

City Clerk Chavez administered the Oath of Office and delivered a Certificate of Election to newly elected Councilmembers Sylvia Ballin, Antonio Lopez, and Jaime Soto.

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

City Clerk Chávez opened nominations for Mayor.

Councilmember Lopez nominated Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales for Mayor.

Mayor Ballin nominated Councilmember Fajardo for Mayor, seconded by Councilmember Soto.

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

For Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales as Mayor, the motion failed with the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, Gonzales – 2
NOES: Soto, Fajardo, Ballin - 3
ABSTAIN: None

For Councilmember Fajardo as Mayor, the motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Soto, Fajardo, Ballin - 3
NOES: Lopez, Gonzales – 2
ABSTAIN: None

City Clerk Chávez announced that Mayor for 2015-2016 is Joel Fajardo.

City Clerk Chávez opened nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Fajardo nominated Councilmember Ballin for Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Lopez nominated Councilmember Gonzales for Mayor Pro Tem.

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

For Councilmember Ballin as Mayor Pro Tem, the motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Soto, Fajardo, Ballin – 3
NOES: Lopez, Gonzales - 2
ABSTAIN: None

City Clerk Chávez announced that Mayor Pro Tem for 2015-2016 is Sylvia Ballin.

ADJOURNMENT (6:56 P.M.)

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

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of March 23, 2015 meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Elena G. Chávez
City Clerk*