

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**APRIL 6, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Council Chambers
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Joel Fajardo called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, Vice Mayor Sylvia Ballin, and Councilmembers Robert C. Gonzales, Antonio Lopez and Jaime Soto

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Police Explorer Yvonne Gonzales

PRESENTATION

Vice Mayor Ballin commended Julie Cuellar for her leadership in the Relay for Life event and presented her with a check for \$1,000 (Republic Services - Community Investment Funds) to assist with Relay for Life program costs.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Fajardo requested moving Item Nos. 6 and 7 up on the agenda.

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to approve the agenda as amended. By consensus, the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

The following presentation was made:

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- a) OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEW POLICE CHIEF ANTHONY VAIRO

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

John Blue discussed the dangers of the West Nile Virus and distributed information about the illness.

Julia Arechiga spoke about her experience losing her job and wages by a company hired by the City and asked the City to review the matter.

Renato Lira, San Fernando Valley LGBT Community Center, recognized City Clerk Chávez, Vice Mayor Ballin, and Mayor Fajardo for their work and dedication to the City.

Francisco Javier Verdin welcomed the new Council and spoke in favor of reestablishing the Cultural Arts Commission and allowing non-residents of San Fernando to participate as members.

Richard Arroyo spoke in support of reestablishing the Cultural Arts Commission, the possibility of forming a Historical Commission, for Council to consider allowing non-residents of San Fernando to participate and increasing volunteerism.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1) REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2015 – SPECIAL MEETING
- 2) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-041 APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER
- 3) ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1641 MODIFYING THE TITLE OF VICE MAYORPORE TO VICE MAYOR AND MAKING CONFORMING MODIFICATIONS TO THE SAN FERNANDO CITY CODE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

By consensus, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 6) CONSIDERATION TO RATIFY CITY COUNCIL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS LIST FOR 2015-2016

Mayor Fajardo discussed the proposed changes to the City Council Liaison Assignments list.

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Vice Mayor Ballin introduced Councilmember Dante Acosta from the City of Santa Clarita, reported he reached out to her to see if Council would consider allowing him to sit for two more years on SCAG and noted she supports an additional year and requiring him to report to the City, quarterly.

Santa Clarita Councilmember Dante Acosta and Regional Council Representative to SCAG, District 67, discussed his involvement in SCAG, requested that Council consider allowing him to remain on SCAG, noting the need for continuity, and committed to working as an advocate for San Fernando and Santa Clarita, at SCAG.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of bringing the item back to the next Council meeting for discussion, the need to review the matter with SCAG and understanding the history of the relationship between the two cities and SCAG.

Staff was directed to bring the matter back to the next City Council meeting for further discussion and consideration, without objection.

Councilmember Gonzales expressed disappointment at having been taken removed as liaison to the High Speed Rail Authority noting his work and accomplishments during his term.

Councilmember Lopez offered his availability to serve as the Council liaison for SCAG.

Motion by Vice Mayor Ballin, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to ratify the City Council Liaison for 2015-2016, as amended to remove Vice Mayor Ballin as the Council liaison for SCAG. By consensus, the motion carried.

7) APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Councilmember Soto introduced Pilar Enriquez, his new appointment to the Planning and Preservation Commission, and spoke about the need for strong leadership to move the City forward, Ms. Enriquez's experience and her capabilities.

Motion by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales, to appoint Pilar Enriquez to the Planning and Preservation Commission as Councilmember Soto's representative. By consensus, the motion carried.

4) CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET CALENDAR

Finance Director Nick Kimball presented the staff report and asked for Council input regarding the tentative budget calendar and urged Councilmembers to let him know their availability.

City Manager Saeki offered to have the discussion offline, with Mr. Kimball and will let Councilmembers know of dates for the budget study sessions in order to finalize the Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

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- 5) CONSIDERATION TO DESIGNATE A COUNCILMEMBER TO FILL THE VACANT TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)OVERLAY ZONE PROJECT'S DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE POSITION

Mayor Fajardo noted this item was previously addressed on the agenda, requested an update of what has transpired as part of the TOD process, asked for an attendance record, and that staff place the item on the next agenda so Council has the ability to reorganize the Development Advisory Committee, if allowed.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION LIAISON UPDATES

None

GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Gonzales congratulated Police Chief Vairo.

Vice Mayor Ballin spoke in support of Mr. Verdin and Mr. Arroyo's recommendation to allow non-residents of San Fernando to serve on the Cultural Arts and Education Commissions.

Mayor Fajardo reported he has been in communication with Senator Hertzberg's office, noted Senator Hertzberg would like to work on several projects with San Fernando, and listed items he requested including a map of the City, statistics and data regarding the City's geographical information and energy consumption.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

City Manager Saeki apologized to Assemblymember Lopez relative to misinformation regarding a one-year sponsorship by former Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra.

ADJOURNMENT (7:21 P.M.)

Motion by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Lopez, to adjourn the meeting. By consensus, the motion carried.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of April 6, 2015, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

Cynthia Alba
Deputy City Clerk/Management Analyst