

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**APRIL 4, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Robert C. Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Robert C. Gonzales, Vice Mayor Joel Fajardo, and Councilmember Sylvia Ballin

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

Absent: Councilmember Antonio Lopez and Councilmember Jaime Soto

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led San Fernando Police Explorer Daniel Ochoa

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATION**

The following presentation was made:

- a) RECOGNITION OF LA FONDA DE LOS CAMPEROS

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Dee Akemon talked about the red curb at the Valley Vista School and spoke in support of Los Angeles Fire Department Station 91.

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Maria Carrillo, Friends of the San Fernando Library, invited all to attend the upcoming book sale and asked people to donate toward the cause.

Armando Murillo talked about the parking problems on his street noting the situation has gotten dangerous, there are 5,6,7 vehicles per household, no one is paying attention to the parking signs and parking enforcement is not doing their job which is a missed revenue source.

Josephine Gonzalez, resident since 1971, said that her neighborhood has gone from tranquil to a constant battle for parking and the traffic situation has become challenging due to the school on Eighth Street. She added that losing or removing the red curb is going to encourage more issues.

Mike Martinez, 20 year resident, said he and his neighbors believe that parking enforcement needs to show up more often, reported he has witnessed minor traffic accidents, and the school is becoming a problem.

City Clerk Chávez read a letter submitted by Angel Zobel-Rodriguez who requested that if we have to change the code, please make sure we add a component under 'duties' that states the Education Commission's role is to support San Fernando families with their educational choices and concerns.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Vice Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to approve the following Consent Calendar Item:

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER

By consensus, the motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 2) REPORT FROM AD HOC MEMBERS REGARDING CITY COMMISSIONS, STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Mayor Gonzales presented the staff report and reviewed each commission and recommended changes.

Discussion followed regarding creating an application form and process for commissioners, specific revisions regarding establishing criteria for buses, the status of a committee dealing with veterans' issues, the pros and cons and legality of considering the immigration status of applicants, support for a Trees Commission, monitoring attendance and having a human relations component including Cultural Arts within the Education Commission and the possibility of continuing the item until there is a full Council.

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Ensuing discussion pertained to the possibility of Councilmembers reappointing commissioners on a yearly basis, having a competitive process for City buses, setting up a Clergy Council, and challenges with the City's insurance carrier related to a Safety Committee.

Direction was provided, as discussed, and staff will return with a report at a future Council meeting having the attendance of the full Council.

No formal action was taken.

### **COMMITTEE/COMMISSION LIAISON UPDATES**

City Clerk Chávez gave an update regarding the activities of the Education Commission and stated that the 2016 scholarship process is underway.

Mayor Gonzales provided an update regarding the L.A. County Library Commission program.

### **GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Ballin expressed concerns about the impact of the red curbing on Eighth Street as well as the status of parking enforcement and requested feedback from staff.

Vice Mayor Fajardo agreed with Councilmember Ballin about parking enforcement and the lack of parking and asked regarding the possibility of a provision giving residents parking priority.

Mayor Gonzales agreed that parking is a critical issue in the City, addressed High-Speed Rail and the negative impacts it may have on the community and urged the public to attend the upcoming Library meeting and book sale.

Councilmember Ballin reported attending a meeting at iHop, noted there was no parking, and asked about installing signs directing people to park across the street.

### **STAFF COMMUNICATION**

City Manager Saeki reported Proposition A is ending and the County is proposing to reup it through Proposition B. He added the City Manager's group in the Valley is expressing concerns as the assessment would be county-wide and the funds would not necessarily be used for improvements to City parks.

Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Chris Marcarello reported that he and Police Chief Anthony Vairo have been working on parking and will bring a report to Council at an upcoming meeting.

Police Chief Vairo addressed parking issues on Macneil St., noted challenges with staffing, and offered to review the issue again and return to Council with a report.

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By consensus, Council agreed to re-open Public Comments for a speaker who arrived late.

Ruby Chávez, representative of LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff, reported that they met with the City to discuss how the Eighth Street drop-off could work for everyone; noted they are doing their best to address the safety needs of children that attend the school as well as the community concerns and stated they will present a new plan to Council on April 18, 2016.

Vice Mayor Fajardo requested adjourning the meeting in memory of Rabihah Shibi and Amir Issa.

**ADJOURNMENT (7:33 P.M.)**

Motion by Vice Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to adjourn the meeting in memory of Rabihah Shibi and Amir Issa. By consensus, the motion carried.

*I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of April 4, 2016, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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