

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**APRIL 6, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING**

Teleconference Per Governor Executive Order N-29-20

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Joel Fajardo called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

Present:

Council: Mayor Joel Fajardo, Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco, and Councilmembers Sylvia Ballin, Robert C. Gonzales, and Mary Mendoza

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball, Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla, and Deputy City Clerk Cynthia Alba

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilmember Sylvia Ballin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to approve the agenda.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ballin, Gonzales, Mendoza, Pacheco, Fajardo – 5
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Shirrlene Jansen requested information regarding postponed paving projects.

Veronica De Lara requested information regarding food bank and rent assistance resources available to support tenants.

Myra Costello spoke in opposition of water price increases and requested that the city allow residents to build eight-foot fences around their properties.

Carolina Perez requested reopening guidelines for churches due to the COVID-19 closures.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to approve the remaining Consent Calendar Item numbers 1 and 2:

1) **REQUEST TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:**

a. NOVEMBER 17, 2014 – SPECIAL JOINT	m. JUNE 13, 2016 – SPECIAL
b. OCTOBER 20, 2014 – REGULAR	n. FEBRUARY 20, 2018 – REGULAR
c. JANUARY 20, 2015 – SPECIAL	o. APRIL 16, 2018 – REGULAR
d. JANUARY 20, 2015 – REGULAR	p. DECEMBER 12, 2018 – ADJOURNED REGULAR
e. FEBRUARY 17, 2015 – SPECIAL	q. DECEMBER 2, 2019 – REGULAR
f. FEBRUARY 17, 2015 – REGULAR	r. DECEMBER 12, 2019 – SPECIAL
g. MARCH 16, 2015 – SPECIAL	s. JANUARY 6, 2020 – SPECIAL
h. MARCH 16, 2015 – REGULAR	t. JANUARY 6, 2020 – REGULAR
i. MARCH 23, 2015 – SPECIAL	u. JANUARY 27, 2020 - SPECIAL
j. JULY 20, 2015 – REGULAR	v. FEBRUARY 3, 2020 – REGULAR
k. DECEMBER 7, 2015 – REGULAR	w. MARCH 16, 2020 – SPECIAL
l. MARCH 21, 2016 – REGULAR	x. MARCH 20, 2020 – SPECIAL

2) **CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WARRANT REGISTER**

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ballin, Gonzales, Mendoza, Pacheco, Fajardo – 5
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Items Pulled for Further Discussion

3) **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR THE UPPER RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember comments.

Motion by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to:

- a. Approve Contract No. 1921 with the State of California Department of Water Resources which will allow the City to utilize funding for the Upper Reservoir No. 4 Replacement Project; and
- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

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The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ballin, Gonzales, Mendoza, Pacheco, Fajardo – 5
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- 4) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SUBAWARD AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE 2019 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM, AND TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH EVERBRIDGE FOR AN EMERGENCY MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report and responded to Councilmember comments.

Motion by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Vice Mayor Mayor Pacheco, to:

- a. Approve the Subaward Agreement (Contract No. 1946) between the City of Los Angeles and the City of San Fernando (City) for the 2019 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program;
- b. Approve the Agreement (Contract No. 1947) between Everbridge and the City for an Emergency Mass Notification System for a term of three years in the amount of \$37,474.58;
- c. Authorize the City Manager and the Chief of Police to execute the agreement; and
- d. Adopt Resolution No. 7993 amending the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 adopted budget to appropriate the grant expenditures and revenues for the UASI 19 Grant in the amount of \$38,060.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ballin, Gonzales, Mendoza, Pacheco, Fajardo – 5
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING

- 5) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN URGENCY ORDINANCE ENACTING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS

Mayor Fajardo declared the Public Hearing open. There being no public comments, Mayor Fajardo closed the Public Hearing.

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Assistant City Attorney Padilla presented the staff report. He and City Manager Kimball responded to questions from Councilmembers.

It was noted that Councilmember Mendoza left the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to continue this Public Hearing at a subsequent meeting and creating an Ad Hoc consisting of Mayor Fajardo and Councilmember Ballin to study and advise on recommendations which will end once the moratorium is passed.

AYES:	Ballin, Gonzales, Pacheco, Fajardo – 4
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Mendoza – 1

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6) DISCUSSION OF CITY’S ACTIONS REGARDING CORONAVIRUS

It was noted that Councilmember Mendoza returned to the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

City Manager Kimball presented the city’s actions regarding coronavirus, shared available resources for businesses and residents, and discussed possible funding opportunities. He and Assistant City Attorney Padilla replied to questions from Councilmembers.

No formal action was taken.

7) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AGENTS TO SUBMIT ASSURANCES AND AGREEMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR STATE DISASTER ASSISTANCE

City Manager Kimball presented the staff report. He replied to questions from Councilmembers.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to adopt Resolution No. 7996 designating the City Manager, Police Chief, and Director of Finance as Authorized Agents to submit assurances and agreements to the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services for State Disaster Assistance.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES:	Ballin, Gonzales, Mendoza, Pacheco, Fajardo – 5
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

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- 8) ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND CONFIRMATION/FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22 (BUSINESSES) AND CHAPTER 106 (ZONING) TO EXPRESSLY PROHIBIT ALL ADULT-USE AND MEDICINAL COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE CITY, EXCEPT AS ALLOWED BY STATE LAW

Motion by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Vice Mayor Mayor Pacheco, to:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 7995 declaring the results of the March 3, 2020, Special Municipal Election; and
- b. Confirm and ratify adoption of Ordinance No. 1690 (second reading), entitled: “An Ordinance of the People of the City of San Fernando, California, Amending Chapter 22 (Businesses) and Chapter 106 (Zoning) to Expressly Prohibit All Adult-use and Medicinal Commercial Cannabis Activity Throughout the City, Except as Allowed by State Law.”.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ballin, Gonzales, Mendoza, Pacheco, Fajardo – 5
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

- 9) CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER IN SUPPORT REGARDING AB 1862 - PROVIDING TWO YEARS OF TUITION-FREE EDUCATION AT ANY CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU) CAMPUS

Motion by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Vice Mayor Pacheco, to send a letter of support of AB 1862 - Providing Two Years of Tuition-Free Education at Any California State University (CSU) Campus.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Ballin, Gonzales, Mendoza, Pacheco, Fajardo – 5
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

STAFF COMMUNICATION INCLUDING COMMISSION UPDATES

City Manager Kimball shared a public announcement by Los Angeles County Department of Health regarding COVID-19, and expressed condolences regarding the passing of Pablo Solis.

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GENERAL COUNCIL COMMENTS AND LIAISON UPDATES

Councilmember Gonzales congratulated Elena Chavez on her retirement from the City. He expressed condolences regarding the passing of Pablo Solis

Councilmember Mendoza offered her condolences to the Solis family, wished Ms. Chavez a prosperous and happy retirement, and requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of her niece Jenny Chacon.

Councilmember Ballin spoke about Ms. Chavez’s retirement, the passing of Jenny Chacon, and Pablo Solis. She also provided an update from Metropolitan Water District and Southern California Edison.

Vice Mayor Pacheco urged residents to check the city's Facebook page, to be smart about public safety awareness, and to maintain social distancing.

Mayor Fajardo thanked City of Los Angeles and the State of California for their hard work in mitigating the COVID-19 crisis. He also thanked Ms. Chavez for her years of service and offered condolences to the Solis and Chacon family.

It was noted that Vice Mayor Pacheco left the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT (9:51 P.M.)

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to adjourn the meeting in memory of Jenny Chacon and Pablo Solis.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES:	Ballin, Gonzales, Mendoza, Fajardo – 4
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Pacheco – 1

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of April 6, 2020, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.

*Julia Fritz
City Clerk*