

**SAN FERNANDO CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**APRIL 8, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.  
SPECIAL MEETING**

Teleconference Per Governor Executive Order N-29-20

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Joel Fajardo called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present:

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

Staff: City Manager Nick Kimball and Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla

Absent: Councilmember Robert C. Gonzales

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to nominate Mayor Fajardo as temporary presiding City Clerk.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

It was noted that Councilmember Gonzales joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

Ivan Drehspul wrote about his concerns regarding trash overflow during the COVID-19 pandemic and Republic Service’s costs.

Yolanda Haro requested that the city follow the City of Los Angeles face-covering requirements.

Arturo Garcia, field representative for Assemblymember Luz Rivas, provided district information and updates on their activities.

Carlos Espinoza requested that the city consider ceasing parking citations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1) CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AN URGENCY ORDINANCE ENACTING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS, SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION BY CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Fajardo provided an update prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee. Mayor Fajardo, City Manager Kimball, and City Attorney Padilla replied to questions from Councilmembers.

The Public Hearing was opened and public testimony received. The public hearing was closed.

It was noted that Vice Mayor Pacheco left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to:

- a. Waive full reading and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1693 by title “An Uncodified Urgency Ordinance of The City Council of The City of San Fernando, California Enacting a Temporary Moratorium on Evictions Due to the Nonpayment of Rent for Residential and Non-Essential Commercial Tenants Where the Failure to Pay Rent Results from Income Loss Resulting From the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)”, and
- b. Authorize modification by the City Council as presented by the city staff and the city attorney.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

It was noted that Councilmember Gonzales left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 2) DISCUSSION OF CITY’S ACTIONS REGARDING CORONAVIRUS INCLUDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN PARKING TICKETS AND TOW FEES

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, to authorize the City Manager to prepare a Parking Financial Hardship Waiver for residents.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Fajardo, Ballin, Mendoza – 3  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Pacheco, Gonzales – 2

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Mendoza to add a walk on item to the agenda regarding personal protection equipment guidelines in the city.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Fajardo, Ballin, Mendoza – 3  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Pacheco, Gonzales – 2

- 3) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT FOR BUSINESSES AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN THE CITY

Motion by Councilmember Ballin, seconded by Mayor Fajardo, to authorize the City Manager to prepare an executive order to require businesses to wear personal protection equipment.

The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Fajardo, Ballin, Mendoza – 3  
NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: Pacheco, Gonzales – 2

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (7:47 p.m.)**

By consensus, Councilmembers recessed into Closed Session:

- A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – CONSIDERATION OF INITIATION OF LITIGATION  
G.C. §54956.9(d)(4)  
One (1) Matter

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**B) PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**

G.C. §54957

Title: City Clerk

**C) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

G.C. §54957.6

Unrepresented Employee: City Clerk

**RECONVENE/REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION (7:50 p.m.)**

Assistant City Attorney Padilla stated there was no reportable action as a result of Closed Session held on April 8, 2020 at 7:47 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT (7:52 p.m.)**

Motion by Mayor Fajardo, seconded by Councilmember Ballin, 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 8, 2020, meeting as approved by the San Fernando City Council.*

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*Julia Fritz  
City Clerk*